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With the Diary of

Clarissa Tousley Woods

(1856)

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Related Families

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Foreword

The Woods family and the related families described herein had predominantly English, Welsh, Irish and German origins, and were very early settlers in New England and in Pennsylvania. They became large families in this country, with a record of pioneering to the West in many successive generations.

With this pioneering background for earlier generations, this account has been carried through to succeeding generations to the extent feasible; unevenly in some respects, and necessarily curtailed as to related families, in their later generations especially. It is not complete in any respect, but it is a story; and probably contains more about the Woods family and their family alliances than thus far has been assembled in one account.

The Family of
William Woods and Elizabeth Holmes Woods
(1788 - 1835) (1794 - 1862)

William Woods, earliest identified member of our Woods family, was born in Pennsylvania in 1788. He married Elizabeth Holmes, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1794 and whose family migrated from Washington County, Pennsylvania, to Youngstown Township in Ohio in 1807.

Her parents were John Holmes, born in Derry Co., Ireland, in 1766, and Sarah Moore Holmes, born in Pennsylvania in 1772. Sarah Moore was the daughter of David Moore, also born in Derry Co., Ireland. (See Holmes Family Section later herein.)

William and Elizabeth Holmes Woods were married, presumably in Ohio, some time before 1814. They had nine or more children as described later herein.

There is a deed record showing the purchase by William Woods on July 10, 1819, of a 130 acre farm in Northampton Twp., then in Portage Co., Ohio. The description states that the property adjoined in part the property of Andrew Woods, who may have been related. The 1820 census shows William Woods engaged in agriculture in Northampton, married and with four children aged "10 years and under", three boys and one girl.

A further deed record shows the sale by William and "Betsy" Woods on February 1, 1823, of the Northampton farm. The family moved to adjoining Bath Twp., then in Medina Co., (and later in Summit Co.) Ohio, where a son, William Holmes Woods, was born on September 28, 1823. Other children were also born there. The 1830

census shows the William Woods family still living at Bath, at that time with nine children, seven boys and two girls, five "under 10" and four "from 10 to 20".

William Woods died in 1835. The 1840 census shows Mrs. Woods at Bath with five children.

After 1840 Elizabeth Holmes Woods remarried. Her second husband was William Dales, born in New York in 1781. He was living in Northampton in 1830 and in 1840. He had been married. In 1840 his first wife was still living, and they had seven children.

In 1850 William Dales and his wife, Elizabeth Holmes Woods Dales, were living in Northampton Twp., which by that time was in Summit Co. He was described as engaged in farming. There were living with them five Woods boys, also described as farmers: Calvin, David, Henry, Lyman and Joseph. William Holmes Woods was not with the family, having married in 1843. The girls had probably married and others of the Woods children had gone.

It is not known when William Dales died. His wife, Elizabeth, was living in Northampton in 1858, when David C. Holmes visited her, his "Aunt Betsy". (See Holmes Family Section.) She died in 1862. A few years before, in 1856, her descendants had numbered 52.

Of the children of William and Elizabeth Holmes Woods, we have the names of only six, all born in Ohio:

1. Calvin Woods, born in 1814.
2. William Holmes Woods, born September 28, 1823. Married Clarissa Tousley. (Of them, more later.)

3. Joseph P. Woods, born in 1826. He and his wife, Cornelia E., born in Ohio in 1832, were married before 1854 and lived in Ohio; moving to Minnesota some time between 1861 and 1867. In 1875 they were living at LeSueur. In 1880 he was described as a retired grocer at LeSueur, and the family was there in 1885.

   Issue:

(a) D.P., born in Ohio in 1854.
(b) Clarence C.) Born in Ohio in 1861.
(c) Clara C.) Apparently twins.

   In 1880 Clarence was a clerk in a store at LeSueur, and Clara was a school teacher there.

(d) Ella C., born in Minnesota in 1867.

4. David Holmes Woods, born in 1830. Married some time after 1850. He and his wife, Millie, were living in the Oakland-Chico area of California in 1908. There was a large family, all now dead. David was a painter and portrait artist and some time before 1904 made an oil portrait of his mother from a daguerreotype. The painting was destroyed in a fire in 1908. (See William J. Woods Family Section.)
5. Henry H. Woods, born in 1832.
6. Lyman N. Woods, born in 1834.

The Family of
William Holmes Woods and Clarissa Tousley Woods
(1823 - 1903) (1826 - 1893)

William Holmes Woods, the son of William and Elizabeth Holmes Woods, was born in Bath Twp., Summit County, Ohio, on September 28, 1823. He grew up there and taught school for a while, and according to family tradition was also a fine cabinet maker. The History of the Minnesota Valley (1882) states that "he was educated in the medical profession from childhood. After attending college in Cleveland and Ann Arbor, Mich., he graduated at Euclid, Ohio." Inquiries at various sources have failed to substantiate this, though as later related he did eventually enter into the practice of medicine. He was a tall man, above average in mentality, artistic, and of an even temper. On September 28, 1843, he was married at Granger, Medina Co., Ohio, to Clarissa Tousley.

Clarissa Tousley was born in Ellisburg Twp., Jefferson Co., New York, on December 20, 1826. She was thus 17 years of age at the time of her marriage. Her father was Orr Tousley, born October 26, 1803, in Vermont; her mother was Tirzah Randall Tousley, born March 27, 1805, in Malta (later Lorraine) Township, Jefferson County, New York. The Orr Tousleys were married at Lorraine on February 23, 1826, and lived in New York and Ohio, and in 1857 moved to Minnesota where they lived at LeSueur. Tirzah Tousley died there on January 1, 1866, and Orr Tousley died there on February 10, 1892. (For more about the Tousley and Randall families, see later sections in this book.)

William H. and Clarissa Woods lived in Ohio

after their marriage and except for a summer spent in Pennsylvania this was their home until they moved west. Their first child was born at Granger, Medina Co., Ohio on September 4, 1844. In 1850 they were living in Medina Twp., Medina Co., with four children, two (twins) having died at birth. His occupation was listed as cabinet maker. Eight children were born to them in Ohio.

In 1856 William H. Woods left Ohio with his family to find a new home to the West. It was no small venture to start with a wife and six children in a wagon to look for a place to live. The possessions they retained when moving were all in the wagon. They had no destination planned and would have stopped at any one of several places they saw along the way if they could have gotten what they wanted for what they could afford. Continuing west they came into Minnesota Territory where, following the signing of the Indian Treaties in 1851, large areas had recently been opened to settlement.

The events of this journey are recounted in a diary kept by Clarissa Tousley Woods, excerpts from which are quoted in the following, and which is reproduced later herein. They started on June 11, 1856, from a place believed to have been in Medina Twp., Medina County, Ohio. She says in her diary, "It takes a great deal of thinking and fixing to get one's mind made up and get started for the western part of the world. ***** Then comes the parting with parents, brothers and sisters, which is no light task." They proceeded west, eating mostly by the roadside and sleeping where they could in taverns, at farmhouses, in barns, and in the wagon. They had experiences

with would-be horse thieves, and came to where children had recently been stolen by Indians. There were also pleasant experiences of arriving at places where Tousleys and old friends from Ohio were living.

A day's journey from home they saw their first railroad cars and many "new and strange sights". Chicago, when they came to it, apparently failed to impress; "arrived about one p.m., spent the afternoon looking around, and went down to the lake and went out of town". The following day occurred the great mishap of the journey when Marshall, aged 6, fell out of the wagon and suffered a broken leg, and the journey was halted for eight weeks.

The difficulty of obtaining medical attention, his suffering, and the heroic efforts of his mother during the period, are graphically described in the diary.

There were smaller tragedies along the way; such as when a washing of 16 dresses, 14 aprons, some basques, and a large amount of white clothes, dried and ready near the wagon for ironing, were burned by a fire carried by a high wind.

They journeyed through Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Arrived at LaCrosse; "The ferry boat arrived, which is to take us across the Mississippi. Here we leave the states behind us and come into the great Territory of Minnesota, which will in all probability be our future home." A couple of days later; "We drive into St. Charles Public Square and camp for the night, feeling as grand as though we were living at the White House at Washington. We retire feeling very friendly toward Minnesota". The father spent several days looking for a claim

in that area but without success. Finally he left his family at a tavern near St. Charles, where he engaged a room for three weeks; "William is going further west to look, and leave us here until he returns". Two weeks later he returned. He had taken a claim six miles south of Owatonna in Steele County.

The family prepared to leave. The wagon was traded off for a more suitable farm wagon. At Rochester the horses were sold and a team of oxen purchased. On October 19th they came to Owatonna; "Find a fast growing town here. It has only existed since last May and is quite a large town, several large stores, two taverns, a blacksmith shop and a saw mill, and quite an amount of business done".

William arranged at first for the family to stay in Owatonna while he built a house on the new farm. He found this an inconvenient arrangement and on November 1st, having put up a shanty, his wife says: "Today we move bag and baggage onto our own premises, and you better believe we are an independent feeling set. We have had no home of our own since last April". In closing her diary on Nov. 1, 1856, she says: "We have had a long and tedious journey, though in many respects a very pleasant one, and in some ways a sad one. But if we secure a home, and by honest industry, gain a good living and can educate our children, we shall feel amply rewarded".

The claim was located in Section 11 and 14, Twp. 106, Range 20, in Somerset Twp., near the Village of Pratt which is in an adjoining township. The 1860 census shows the family as living at the farm, and two additional children as having been

born to them since their arrival in Minnesota. The farm is described as having 18 acres improved and 142 acres unimproved, and William H. Woods as being occupied as a farmer and a cooper, this latter being an employment of his skill as a wood worker and in keeping with the common practice at that time of using some skill to supplement income from farming.

In 1857 William H. Woods was one of the seven founders of the First Baptist Church at Owatonna, a congregation still in strong existence there; keeping his membership until December 2, 1865, when the family moved to LeSueur. After 1860 three more children had been born to them at Somerset Twp.

Wishing to better himself, William H. Woods renewed or at least took up the study of medicine at LeSueur by reading medical books in the office of a local physician and gaining what knowledge and experience he could by being associated with him; and eventually started his own practice.

In LeSueur two children were born, bringing the total to 15. When the family left LeSueur in 1872, eleven of these were living.

The family moved in 1872 to Madelia, where Dr. Woods continued the practice of medicine, as he did in the other places where they subsequently lived. An early experience of Dr. Woods in his practice was to treat wounded members of the Younger Brothers gang, who were captured near Madelia after the famous Northfield bank robbery in 1876.

In 1875 at Madelia the five youngest of their children were living with them, the others having gone. They moved to Garden City; and in 1879 to

Montgomery, where in 1885 only the two youngest of the children were still at home. In 1891 they moved to Blooming Prairie.

Clarissa Tousley Woods died at Blooming Prairie on October 15, 1893, and was buried at Forest Hills Cemetery in Owatonna.

After his wife's death, William H. Woods returned to Owatonna where he practiced medicine for a few years, retiring in about 1900. The census of 1895 shows him as living at the home of his son, William J. Woods. He lived for several years at the home of his daughter Fannie, Mrs. Andrew Jackson, and died there on December 24, 1903; and was buried beside his wife at Forest Hills Cemetery in their family lot. Their graves are well marked.

The fifteen children of William Holmes Woods and Clarissa Tousley Woods were:

1.	Tirzah Elizabeth	born September 4, 1844 Granger, Ohio
2.	Josephine Amanda	born January 24, 1847 Ohio
3, 4.	Twin boys	born December 23, 1848 Ohio
5.	Herschel David	born February 2, 1850 Ohio
6.	Marshall Dwight	born February 2, 1850 Ohio
7.	Myra Alice	born February 27, 1852 Ohio
8.	Jay Orr	born May 30, 1854 Ohio
9.	Ida Lurancy	born January 4, 1858 Somerset Twp., Minn.

10.	William Joseph	born July 5, 1859 Somerset Twp., Minn.
11.	Irving Mack	born August 12, 1861 Somerset Twp., Minn.
12.	Reuben Emerson	born August 30, 1863 Somerset Twp., Minn.
13.	Arthur Ellsworth	born August 26, 1865 Somerset Twp., Minn.
14.	Fannie May	born April 29, 1868 LeSueur, Minn.
15.	Ernest Edwin	born May 15, 1870 LeSueur, Minn.

As to them:

The Fifteen Children
of
William Holmes Woods and Clarissa Tousley Woods

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I. TIRZAH ELIZABETH WOODS, first of the children, born September 4, 1844. Married Samuel Dwight Morford. (Of them, more later.)

II. JOSEPHINE AMANDA WOODS, second child, born January 24, 1847, in Ohio, was aged nine when the family moved to Minnesota. She was married on September 21, 1868, to James Deputy and they lived at Madelia, where he was a farmer and also was connected with the sheriff's office. The 1880 census shows them as having one son, Charles, then 11 years old. James Deputy died at Madelia some years later.

After her husband's death, Josephine Deputy lived at times with various members of the family, in 1915 living with her brother, Jay Orr Woods and his wife at Omak, Washington. She died at Owatonna on March 12, 1927.

A. Their son Charles was married twice:
   1. At Madelia, where he was later divorced. There were two children by this marriage:
      (a) Hazel
      (b) Charles, Jr.
   2. He was later married at Owatonna to Alice Carter. Both are now dead, the latter having died at Spokane, Wash-

ington. There were two children by this marriage:
(a) a boy, and
(b) a girl,
both now dead. The girl had been married, and had a daughter who is now living in Seattle.

III and IV. TWIN BOYS, born in Ohio, December 23, 1848. Died at birth.

Another set of twins, born in Ohio

V. HERSCHEL DAVID WOODS, twin, born February 2, 1850. He and his twin, Marshall, stayed in LeSueur when the family left. According to the census rolls, Herschel was with the family again at Montgomery in 1880. Apparently in that year he was married and went to LeSueur, as he is also listed in the 1880 census rolls there, shown as being married, and employed there as a carpenter. His wife, Mary Emma Campbell, was born in Maryland in about 1855. They later moved to Owatonna where he was similarly employed.

They moved to the state of Washington, where he died at Spokane on May 4, 1889. They had no children.

VI. MARSHALL DWIGHT WOODS, twin, born February 2, 1850.
Married Margaret Working.
(Of them, more later.)

VII. MYRA ALICE WOODS, born in Ohio February 27, 1852. She grew up in Owatonna and LeSueur, and also taught school in both of these

places. She was married twice. Her second husband was "Orrie" (Orr?) Patten. They lived at one time at Galveston, Texas. She died October 7, 1909.

They had an adopted daughter:

A. Irvy, who married. She and her husband were at Omak, Washington, in 1915. No further information.

VIII. JAY ORR WOODS, born in Ohio May 30, 1854. He was thus the youngest of the children when the family made the trip from Ohio to Minnesota in 1856.

It is not known whether he went with the family when they left LeSueur to go to Madelia, but he was not with them in 1875. In 1880 he was living in LeSueur, employed as a carpenter, and was married. His wife, Mary Maude Johnson, was born in 1859 in Minnesota, of parents who were born in Ohio.

At that time, in 1880 in LeSueur, Jay and Maude Woods had one child, Inez, born in February of that year. They later moved to Montgomery where his parents were, and he was railroad station agent there for several years. Later the family lived in Green Isle and other places, and in Owatonna. The family then moved west, first to Eugene, Oregon, and then to the Omak area in Okanogon County, Washington.

In the years in Minnesota another daughter and five sons had been born to them, but when they left to go west, only the five sons were living. These were Harry, Frank, Ed, Ray and Carl. Several additional children were

born at Omak. Some of the children are reported to be living now in Seattle. No further information as to them.

Family records indicate that Jay Orr Woods died at Omak on December 21, 1926. His estate settlement filed in Okanogon County gives the date of his death as January 27, 1927. His wife, administratrix of his estate and described as May M. Woods, who was the heir to the estate which included a farm, was living at the date of the estate settlement in 1930.

IX. IDA LURANCY WOODS, born January 4, 1858, in Somerset Twp., Steele County, was the first of the children born to the family in Minnesota, then Minnesota territory.

At the age of 11 she died of diphtheria at LeSueur, as did her brother, Irving M., on the same night, October 6, 1869. She and her brother were buried in the family lot at Mound Cemetery, LeSueur, where their graves are marked by a marker showing the names of both.

X. WILLIAM JOSEPH WOODS, born July 5, 1859, in Somerset Twp., Steele Co., Minn. He grew up in the various places where his family lived, and was with them at Montgomery in 1880, when he was listed as a blacksmith.

On February 13, 1881, he was married at Cordova, Minn., to Mary E. Jackson, who was born at Cleveland, Minn., in June 1865. Her parents were Omar Austin Jackson, who was born Oct. 30, 1825, at Lexington, Ind., and Nancy Sheldon Jackson, who was born

May 12, 1833, in New York State. They were married Sept. 25, 1849, in Indiana, and lived there until they came to Minnesota in 1860, where they were farmers. They lived first for three years at St. Peter, during which time O. A. Jackson was a member of the "St. Peter Guards" during the Indian outbreak in 1862, stationed at New Ulm. They then lived at Cleveland for three years and then bought a farm at Cordova where they lived for many years, finally living at Owatonna. They had 13 children, only five of whom were alive in 1882. One son, Andrew, married Fannie, the sister of his brother-in-law, William J. Woods. Omar A. Jackson died at Owatonna on Dec. 6, 1906. His wife, Nancy Sheldon, died at Oakland, Calif. on April 11, 1917.

William J. and Mary Jackson Woods lived after their marriage at LeSueur, where he was employed as a carpenter. Four children were born to them there, two of whom died in infancy. By 1890 the family had moved to Owatonna, where a fifth child was born.

In 1908 the family moved to Oakland, Calif., where he engaged in building. A major family disaster occurred soon after their arrival, when the house in which they were living was burned to the ground, destroying all their possessions, including many valuable family records. By chance William J. Woods had left his bible in church the Sunday before, and the family information written therein, upon being made available by his daughter,

Mrs. Grube, became an important starting point for developing this present record.

The William J. Woods family lived in Oakland, where he was a building contractor, for many years. His wife, Mary Jackson Woods, died at Oakland on July 23, 1945, and he died there on October 25, 1949. Their five children:

A. Vivian Ida Woods was born on March 21, 1882, at LeSueur. She was married at Cleveland, Minn., to Harry Malleaux. They lived for some years at Omaha, Nebr. She died at Los Angeles, Calif. on Jan. 12, 1950.
There were no children.

B. Effie Woods, was born at LeSueur, and died there in infancy.

C. Lulu Woods was born in 1885 at LeSueur, and died there in infancy.

D. Marion Avengeline Woods was born at LeSueur on Oct. 11, 1886. She was married at Oakland to Oscar Grube on May 18, 1913. They lived in Oakland, where he was engaged in the retail dry goods business, and where he died on Aug. 17, 1958.
His widow lives in Oakland.
They had two children:
(a) Lorenz, and
(b) Jean, who is married and has two children, John and Dan.

E. Evelyn Lillian Woods was born in Owatonna on Nov. 13, 1890. She was married at Oakland on April 30, 1922, to Ray Marvin. They live in Oakland, where he

is in the insurance business. They have one daughter:
(a) who is married and has two children.

XI. IRVING MACK WOODS, born August 12, 1861, in Somerset Twp., Steele County. Died at LeSueur October 6, 1869, of diphtheria, on the same night as did his sister, Ida L. Buried with her at Mound Cemetery, LeSueur.

XII. REUBEN EMERSON WOODS, born August 30, 1863, in Somerset Twp., Steele Co., near Owatonna.

He grew up in the various places where his family lived, going with them finally to Montgomery in 1879, where he lived with his parents until his marriage there on March 5, 1885, to Nellie Belle Squier.

Her father was William R. Squier, who was born in Pennsylvania on March 24, 1842. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he was living at Berlin, Wis. He enlisted in the Army and was mustered in on July 1, 1861, at Burlington, Iowa, in Co. K 5th Iowa Infantry. He served until Nov. 22, 1862, when he was discharged in Mississippi for physical disability. He returned to Wisconsin, and in the same month was married at Kingston, Wis. to Mary E. Babbitt. She was born in Ohio on Jan. 9, 1841. William and Mary Squier lived in Wisconsin after their marriage and their first child was born there. They moved to Iowa and later to Bear Lake, Minn., and in 1885 were living at Montgomery, where he was a carpenter and where they were also farmers.

There is a record of five children. William R. Squier died on June 3, 1900.

Nellie Belle Squier was born in Iowa on October 4, 1865.

Reuben E. Woods was a storekeeper for a time in Montgomery. He studied law in Chicago. He was admitted to the bar and later became Municipal Judge in Montgomery and also served there on the School Board. After their marriage, Reuben and Nellie Woods lived in Montgomery for 16 years, and their six children were born there. In 1901 they moved to Owatonna where he was also Municipal Judge for several years. He was an accomplished artist and in his later years devoted much time to painting, both portraits and murals. While working on a theatre curtain, he fell from a ladder and broke his neck, and during the last 3-1/2 years of his life was confined to his bed. He died August 13, 1933, and was buried in the family lot at Forest Hills Cemetery, Owatonna.

After his death his wife continued to live in the family home at Owatonna, with several of their children, until her death on June 24, 1941. She also was buried at Forest Hills Cemetery.

The children of Reuben E. Woods and his wife, Nellie Belle Squier:

A. Myra Lillian Woods, born April 4, 1886. She has devoted herself mainly to family affairs in the home, and includes among her accomplishments an outstanding skill in needlework.

B. Grace Estella Woods, born October 16,

1888. Graduated at Mankato State Teachers College and attended the University of Minnesota. She taught in schools at Motley, Waseca, and other places in Minnesota, and for many years in Steele County. Now retired. After retirement, she and her sister Ruth conducted a nursery school at their home in Owatonna for several years but have now discontinued it.

C. Paul Jay Woods, born June 20, 1890. Married at Owatonna to Leona Springberg in April 1912. Lived at Owatonna, later going to Mason City, Iowa, where he died in April 1919 during the flu epidemic. His widow later remarried.
They had one son:

(a) Daniel Earl Woods, born Dec. 12, 1912, now living in Los Angeles, California, where he is employed in the post office. Married and has two sons: Donald and Fred.

D. Eva May Woods, born October 22, 1893. Died February 13, 1900, at Montgomery.

E. Ruth Luella Woods, born July 7, 1895. Graduated at Mankato State Teachers College and taught in schools in Steele County for many years. After her retirement she conducted the nursery school at her home, with her sister Grace.

F. Archie Guy Woods, born October 26, 1898. An accountant, he worked in Minneapolis, Chicago and other places. He served in the Army during World War I and II. Until his retirement a few years ago, he was

for 15 years with the Finance Dept. of the Army at St. Louis and Indianapolis. The four surviving children, Myra, Grace, Ruth, and Archie, none of whom married, now live in Owatonna in the family home.

XIII. ARTHUR ELLSWORTH WOODS, born Aug. 26, 1865, at Somerset Twp., Steele Co., during the year in which the family moved from the Owatonna area to LeSueur. His childhood years were at LeSueur and Madelia. In 1885 he was living in LeSueur. Some time later he was married to Martha Depue, who was born in Minnesota in 1863.

Her parents were David Depue, who was born in New York in 1836, and Mary Depue, who was born in New York in 1842. They came to Minnesota in 1860, and in 1888 to Owatonna.

In 1891 Arthur and Martha Woods were living in Owatonna, where he was a building contractor. In 1895 he also entered into the hotel business there in partnership with his father-in-law, David Depue, and they operated the "Depue and Woods Place" together until 1904 when Arthur Woods retired from the firm. In about 1907 the Arthur Woods family moved to Oakland, Calif., where he engaged in building, as did also his brother, William J. Woods, and his brother-in-law, Andrew Jackson, at about the same time, this being a period of building activity after the San Francisco fire.

Arthur E. Woods continued to live in Oakland until his death on December 2, 1938, and

he was buried there. His wife Martha Depue Woods also died at Oakland and was buried there.

They had an adopted daughter, Hazel, who was married to Ray Coyman, who died. She married Louis Heense; and they are living in Oakland and have a son and a daughter.

XIV. FANNIE MAY WOODS, born April 29, 1868, at LeSueur. In 1885 she was with her parents at Montgomery and later taught school at Waseca.

She married Andrew Jackson. He was born in 1870 at Cordova, Minn., the son of Omar A. and Nancy Sheldon Jackson. (For more about them, see section re William J. Woods, who was a brother-in-law of Andrew Jackson.)

Andrew and Fannie Jackson were living in Owatonna in 1903, when her father William Holmes Woods died at their home. They moved to California in 1906 and lived at Oakland where Fannie Jackson died on July 2, 1952.

There were at least six children, Clyde, Pat, William, Percy, Lois and Karl, several of whom are reported to be living in California.

XV. ERNEST EDWIN WOODS, born May 15, 1870, at LeSueur. The last-born of the 15 children of William Holmes Woods and his wife, Clarissa Tousley Woods, he died at Montgomery, Minnesota, on July 23, 1880.

The family of
Samuel Dwight and Tirzah Elizabeth Morford

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TIRZAH ELIZABETH WOODS, born September 4, 1844 at Granger, Medina County, Ohio, and the eldest of the children of William Holmes Woods and Clarissa Tousley Woods, was aged 12 when her family made the trek by covered wagon from their home in Ohio to Minnesota in 1856. When the family settled in Somerset Twp., Steele County, near the village of Pratt, she attended school in Owatonna, walking a distance of six or seven miles each way. She told in later years of walking barefoot through high grass along the way, putting on her shoes as she approached the school.

On her twentieth birthday, September 4, 1864, she was married in Somerset Township to Samuel Dwight Morford.

He was born May 11, 1843 in Ontario Township, Wayne County, New York, the son of C. W. Morford, a farmer and carpenter, who was born in New York, and of his wife, Mary A. Dwight, who was born in Massachusetts. Upon the death of his wife in New York in 1843, C. W. Morford moved with his family to Wisconsin and settled in Dodge County, where he died in 1857.

Samuel Dwight Morford went to Owatonna in 1858, joining two elder half brothers who had preceded him there, and continued his schooling. When the Civil War began, he answered the call for volunteers and on May 23, 1861 was mustered in at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, in Company G, First Minnesota Volunteers, Minnesota's famous Civil War regiment. He was in the First Battle of Bull Run, at Fair Oaks, in the Seven Day Battle and several other battles in the Peninsular Cam-

paign. He was hospitalized four weeks at Harrison Landing with malaria. He was later wounded during Pope's Campaign and was mustered out May 23, 1864.

When first married, he and his wife, Tirzah Elizabeth, lived for several years in Owatonna. In 1872 they bought 80 acres in Clinton Falls Township near Owatonna, which they farmed for several years, and which is where their three children were born. In 1885 they moved to a 120 acre farm which they bought in Havana Township, also near Owatonna, where they farmed until 1897, when they retired to nearby Havana village. During several years Samuel Dwight Morford managed the cooperative creamery at Havana, and also held township offices. He died at Havana on June 11, 1914, and was buried there.

His wife then lived for some time with her daughters, Nellie and Gertrude, at Faribault, Minn., returning to Owatonna in 1917 to live in her own house which had been moved there from Havana. She was joined there by her daughters, and lived there until her death.

She is described as of medium height, strong and active, with keen faculties, always cheerful and with a lively interest in all life about her. She died at Owatonna on March 3, 1934, at the age of 90, and was buried at Havana.

The three children of Samuel Dwight and Tirzah Woods Morford were:

1. Nellie Alberta Morford, born January 10, 1874.
2. Roy Dwight Morford, born January 17, 1876.
3. Gertrude Morford, born February 6, 1878.

As to them:

1. NELLIE ALBERTA MORFORD, was born on January 10, 1874. She attended State Teachers College, at Winona, Minnesota, where she graduated; and was a teacher for many years, teaching at Austin, Minnesota, at Grafton, North Dakota, and at Faribault, Minnesota; at Faribault for more than 26 years. When she retired from teaching, she returned to Owatonna and lived there with her mother and her sister, Gertrude, until their respective deaths, living in the Morford family home, which in 1917 had been moved from Havana to Owatonna; and which she still occupies.

   On January 7, 1950, she was married at Owatonna to Granville W. Wolbert, who was born in 1864 in Wisconsin. He died at Owatonna in 1955 at the age of 91 years, and was buried in Wisconsin.

2. ROY DWIGHT MORFORD, born January 17, 1876, was a farmer, mainly at Havana Township, Steele County.

   He attended local schools, and Pillsbury Military Academy in Owatonna. While a young man he and three friends went to Stevens County, Minnesota, where they "batched it" on a farm near Hancock. Upon his father's illness and subsequent retirement in 1897, he returned to Havana and ran the family farm, continuing to do so until his own retirement many years later. On June 18, 1902, he was married at Havana to Nellie Hickok, who was born there November 23, 1873.

   Her parents were Franklin H. Hickok, born in Vermont in 1833, and Elizabeth McCaslin, born in New York in 1837. They were

pioneers at Havana. Elizabeth McCaslin was the first school teacher in Havana, in the summer of 1857; and theirs was the first marriage in the Township, in the fall of 1857. They both died at Havana, Elizabeth McCaslin Hickok after 1895, and Franklin H. Hickok in 1914. They had five children, of whom Nellie was the youngest.

Roy Dwight Morford is described as a man of medium height, very quick and active, temperate, and fond of reading, history especially. He retired in 1945, and in 1947 he and his wife moved to Burbank, California, where they lived near one of their married daughters. He died there on December 22, 1948, and was buried at Havana.

After his death, his wife moved to Minnesota and lived near another of their daughters at Robbinsdale, a suburb of Minneapolis. She died there August 30, 1959, and was buried at Havana.

Roy Dwight and Nellie Hickok Morford had four children, all born at the farm in Havana Township:

A. Miriam McCaslin Morford, born May 4, 1903.
B. Dwight Hickok Morford, born July 9, 1905.
C. Elizabeth Nelly Morford, born May 26, 1906.
D. Dorothy Morford, born January 28, 1909.

As to them:

A. Miriam McCaslin Morford, born May 4, 1903. She was married on June 18, 1930, at Owatonna, to Martin Schulz.

He was born June 1, 1905 at Fairmont, Minn. His father was Albert F. Schulz, who was born in Minnesota, and operated retail stores and was in the

insurance business in Fairmont, where he died in 1946. His mother was Marie Mueller Schulz, born June 1, 1876, in Minnesota; and who survives. This couple had 4 children.

Martin and Miriam Schulz went to Minneapolis after their marriage, and he died there on April 17, 1936. His widow lives at Robbinsdale, a suburb of Minneapolis.

They had 2 children:

(a) June Marie, born at Minneapolis on June 6, 1932. On June 21, 1958 she was married to Roger Johnson, at Minneapolis, where they now live. She is a travel consultant, and he is working for an advanced degree in farm research at the University of Minnesota.

(b) Roger Martin, born at Minneapolis on March 19, 1934. On June 6, 1959, he was married at Minneapolis to Merle Quigg. They live at Prescott, Wisconsin, where he manages a motel.

B. Dwight Hickok Morford, born July 9, 1905. He was married on October 3, 1931, at Lakefield, Minnesota, to Edna Henrietta Ramsborg. She was born on August 6, 1909, at Lakefield, Minn.

Her father was Haakon P. Ramsborg, who was born in Norway on April 21, 1870. He came to this country, and to Lakefield where he was employed as a newspaper

editor and as an engineer. He was married at Lakefield on May 20, 1903, to Emma Carolina Kraagtorp, who was born at Lakefield on August 20, 1880, and died there on March 3, 1959.

Dwight and Edna Morford lived at Owatonna for some years after their marriage and their three children were born there. They later went to Minneapolis, where Edna Morford now lives, at Robbinsdale, a suburb.

Their three children:

(a) Joan, born June 21, 1933. She was married at Claremont, Minn., on June 6, 1954, to Donald Norman Bungum. They now live at Ceylon, Minn., where he is a high school principal. They have three children:
1. David Dwight, born November 23, 1955, at LaCrosse, Wisconsin.
2. Jane Elizabeth, born August 28, 1957, at Minneapolis, Minn.
3. Philip Norman, born April 28, 1960, at Redwood Falls, Minn.

(b) Carol, born December 17, 1935. She is a nurse and medical secretary in hospital work at Minneapolis.

(c) Helen, born June 17, 1937. She is an airline stewardess living at Minneapolis.

C. Elizabeth Nelly Morford, born May 26, 1906. She was married to John Frederick Grande at Long Beach, Calif. on

June 20, 1935.

He was born February 13, 1908, at Fergus Falls, Minn. His father was Ole Anders Grande, who was born in Norway on October 15, 1871, and died at Burbank, Calif., on December 26, 1950. His mother was Elizabeth Shellman Grande, who was born on April 5, 1875, at Fergus Falls, Minn. and died there on June 3, 1953. They had three children. His father was engaged as a manufacturing foreman and as a building contractor at Fergus Falls.

John and Elizabeth Grande lived after their marriage at Inglewood and Los Angeles, Calif., and now live at Burbank, Calif. He is a contractor and manufacturer of store fixtures at nearby Sun Valley.

They have three children:

(a) Allan, born at Inglewood, Calif., on March 26, 1941. Now a sophomore at San Jose State College, Calif.

(b) Frederick, born at Los Angeles, on August 5, 1944. A high school student.

(c) Elizabeth, born at Los Angeles on August 10, 1947. A high school student.

D. Dorothy Morford, born January 28, 1909. She was married to Earl Young at Havana on May 18, 1935. He was born May 27, 1906, at Merton Twp., Steele Co.

His grandparents, William Young

(born 1849) and his wife, Agnes M. (born 1844), both born in Scotland, came to Havana in the 1870's and were farmers there. Two sons were born there. The elder, John, born in 1878, married Bessie Fairly; and they were the parents of Earl Young. They farmed in Merton Twp. for many years. John Young, now retired, is living in Owatonna.

Earl and Dorothy Young lived, after their marriage, at Lewiston and Spring Valley in Minnesota, and, since 1936, in Lexington, Kentucky, where he is Associate Professor at the University of Kentucky, College of Agriculture.

They have one daughter:

(a) Nancy Jane, born at Lexington, Kentucky, December 26, 1945.

3. GERTRUDE MORFORD, youngest of the children of Samuel Dwight and Tirzah Morford, was born on February 6, 1878. She was graduated at the Winona State Teachers College and was a teacher for many years, principally at Faribault and Owatonna. While at Faribault, she and her sister, Nellie, were together there for several years. After their father's death, their mother lived with them at Faribault for some years. In 1917 Gertrude went to Owatonna to teach, and she and her mother lived there in the family home, where Nellie later joined them.

Gertrude did not marry. She died at Owatonna in about 1947 - 1948.

The family of
Marshall Dwight and Margaret Working Woods
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MARSHALL DWIGHT WOODS, son of William Holmes and Clarissa Tousley Woods, and twin of Herschel, was born February 2, 1850. He was six years old when the family left Ohio by covered wagon in 1856 to go to Minnesota. While they were traveling over a plank road in Illinois, he fell out of the wagon and the wheels passed over him, breaking a leg near the hip. They were miles from help but finally came to a doctor, who spoke only German. With a picture of a frame to be constructed which the doctor showed her in a book, Marshall's mother, as related in her diary, went to a mechanics shop "and there performed the hardest half day's work I ever done. At dark I completed it and at nine o'clock the doctor and myself set his limb." He was placed in the frame, where he stayed for eight weeks, during which time he could not be moved and the journey was halted. He grew up in Somerset Twp., Steele County; and in LeSueur. He continued to live in LeSueur, where he was employed as a carpenter. In about 1872 he was married there to Margaret Working.

Margaret Working was a daughter of John Henry Working and Julian Beck Working, both of ancestry which came from Germany and settled in Pennsylvania; the Working family in this country being founded by Johann Nicolaus Werkinger, who arrived in 1750 and settled in York County, Pa., and by his wife, Anna Philippina. The Beck family was established by similarly early or earlier arrivals in eastern Pennsylvania counties. The Working and the Beck families became large families in this country. Both pioneered to the West

in successive generations. (See Working Family section later in this book.)

Margaret Working's father was born in Centre Co., Pa., on December 5, 1819, and her mother at Rebersburg, Pa., on March 31, 1828. They were married in Centre Co., Pa., on June 17, 1846, and lived there until 1853, when they migrated to Ohio and settled in Seneca County near the town of Tiffin. They lived there until 1864 when they moved to Minnesota. By this time eight children had been born to them, three in Pennsylvania, and five in Ohio, of whom 6 or 7 were then living. Another was born later in Minnesota.

Margaret Working was born in Seneca Co., Ohio, on May 2, 1854.

Her family traveled to the Henderson area in Minnesota, where some of her father's brothers had already settled in about 1855, shortly after the opening of land. Arrived on their journey at St. Paul by river boat, the father left his family there and walked to Henderson, a distance of over 60 miles through rugged country. He borrowed a team of oxen and a wagon from a brother there, and returned to St. Paul for his family, and took them in the wagon to Henderson. They settled in Blakely Twp., Scott County, not far from Henderson, and were farmers there for many years, a son continuing to operate the farm for some time after his father's death. John Henry Working died August 30, 1893, and was buried at LeSueur in Mound Cemetery. His wife, Julian Beck Working, later moved with a son to Weyerhaeuser, Wis., where she died on November 4, 1902, and was buried there.

Marshall Dwight and Margaret Working Woods

lived throughout their married life at LeSueur, and their seven children were born there. Marshall Dwight Woods died at LeSueur on May 5, 1894, and was buried at Mound Cemetery.

After his death, his wife in 1894 moved with her five then living children (two had died) to Owatonna and lived there in a house "near the water tower and across from the school", which is still standing. Several of her husband's married brothers or sisters were then there and others came in the years following; and with their children made a large Woods family in Owatonna. Margaret (affectionately dubbed Maggie) was loved and highly regarded by this family which then and since has been characterized by an active feeling for family ties.

In Owatonna Margaret's younger children attended school; some at Pillsbury Academy. During this time Margaret was a matron for some years at a State School for children at Owatonna. By 1900 her oldest child, Lewis, had moved to St. Paul. Others followed, and in 1903 Mrs. Woods went there with her youngest child, Blanche. When Blanche married, Mrs. Woods lived with her and her husband, continuing to do so until her death. She died at St. Paul on February 21, 1918, and was buried beside her husband in Mound Cemetery at LeSueur.

If a tribute from her son-in-law may be permitted, she was a wonderfully fine person.

The issue of Marshall Dwight and Margaret Working Woods:

1. Lewis H. Woods, born October 17, 1873.
2. Gertrude L. Woods, born August 28, 1875.
3. Sadie Eleanor Woods, born August 1, 1877.

4. Roy H. Woods, born September 3, 1880.
5. Franklin E. Woods, born May 14, 1882.
6. Fred Orr Woods, born April 11, 1885.
7. Clarissa Blanche Woods, born January 20, 1889.

As to them:

1. LEWIS H. WOODS was born October 17, 1873. In 1895 he was with the family at Owatonna and was working there. Shortly thereafter he was married at Owatonna to Alice Sorsoliel, born on April 24, 1877, a daughter of Isaac Sorsoliel, born at St. Johns, Canada, and of Mary Carswell Sorsoliel, born on the Isle of Jersey, England. Lewis and Alice Woods lived in Owatonna for some years. By 1900 they had moved to St. Paul and continued to live there. After many years they separated. She died at St. Paul on March 23, 1942.

Lewis Woods died on May 27, 1953, and was buried in St. Paul at Oakland Cemetery.

Issue:

A. Everett L. Woods, born at Owatonna on July 16, 1899. On June 17, 1920, he was married in St. Paul to Rose Mae Meggitt, who was born in Charles City, Iowa, on May 30, 1900.

Her parents were Thornton Garnor Meggitt, born August 26, 1875, at Hull, England, and Katherine Rice Meggitt, born April 7, 1879, at Floyd, Iowa. They were married at Nashau, Iowa, July 4, 1896. They had seven children.

Thornton Meggitt died at Faribault, Minnesota, on August 4, 1938, and

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Katherine Meggitt died at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on April 18, 1958.

Everett and Rose Woods lived at St. Paul, where he died on February 18, 1959, and was buried at Oakland Cemetery. His wife lives in St. Paul.

Issue: Three children, all born in St. Paul.

(a) Marian Woods, born February 22, 1925. Married at St. Paul to Chester Warner on July 3, 1948. They live at Tomah, Wisconsin, and have two children.

(b) Lorraine Woods, born November 11, 1926. Married at St. Paul to Dale Bennett on November 27, 1948. Living at St. Paul. Three children.

(c) Donald L. Woods, born June 26, 1930. Died at Forest Lake, Minnesota, September 27, 1953.

2. GERTRUDE L. WOODS, born August 28, 1875, died July 8, 1877, at LeSueur, Minn.

3. SADIE ELEANOR WOODS, born August 1, 1877. Married Frederick G. Moore and lived in Minneapolis and St. Paul, where he was employed as a railroad conductor. They had no children. Fred Orr Woods, Jr., a nephew, lived with them for several years after his father's death. They also adopted a daughter named Peggy, who married Patrick Hughes.

Sadie Woods Moore died in Minneapolis, October 29, 1926, and was buried beside her parents at LeSueur. Her husband died during the 1930's.

4. ROY H. WOODS, born September 3, 1880. Attended school at Pillsbury Academy, Owatonna. Worked in Owatonna, and in 1903 moved to St. Paul, where he worked for railroads and the telephone company. Married at St. Paul to Kathryn Hoagland on May 26, 1909. He was killed in a train accident in Chicago in 1927. Kathryn Woods died at St. Paul in 1957. Issue:
   A. Thomas M.
   B. James
   C. Mary
5. FRANKLIN E. WOODS, born May 14, 1882; died October 2, 1882, at LeSueur.
6. FRED ORR WOODS, born April 11, 1885. Worked in St. Paul, and in 1907 moved to Whitefish, Montana, where he was a railroad conductor. On March 28, 1910 he was married at Whitefish to Ellen Margaret Grant. He died there on September 30, 1914. His wife, who remarried, now lives in Tampa, Florida. Issue, one son:
   A. Fred Orr Woods, Jr., born June 7, 1911, at Whitefish. After his father's death he lived for several years with his uncle and aunt, Fred and Sadie Moore, at Minneapolis. On September 1, 1934, he was married at Minneapolis to Astrid V. Peterson. They lived in Minneapolis and in other cities, as indicated by places where their children were born, and also for some time at Owatonna.

      Fred Orr Woods, Jr., died on April 17, 1960, while visiting friends in Georgia, and was buried at Tampa,

Florida. His wife, Astrid, who remarried, lives in California.

Issue of marriage of Fred Orr, Jr. and Astrid Woods:

(a) Donna Jean Woods, born September 7, 1935, at Faribault, Minnesota. Married to Paul Leo Will. Living in Minneapolis.

One child, 3 1/2 years.

(b) Marilyn Woods, born September 11, 1938, at Kansas City, Missouri. Married to Garey Thon. Living in Lubbeck, Texas.

One child, 4 1/2 years.

(c) Sharon Woods, born December 11, 1943, at Canton, Ohio. Married to Clyde Townsend. Living in Cloverdale, California.

7. CLARISSA BLANCHE WOODS, the youngest of the children of Marshall Dwight and Margaret Woods, was born on January 20, 1889. Her girlhood was mostly at Owatonna, where the family went after her father's death. There were recollections of uncles and aunts and their families who were living there; and happy days of walking miles to Uncle Morford's farm to ride horses; bareback, with usually several passengers on a horse. Sunday was church day, at the First Baptist Church, often with attendance three times in a day. She went to St. Paul with her mother when she moved there in 1903 and continued at school. On January 7, 1911, she was married to Norman Nelson.

He was born in St. Paul, February 5, 1888,

the son of Lauritz Martin and Hannah Mathea Nelson. His father, the son of Rasmus and Anna Nielsen, was born on November 12, 1857, in Copenhagen, Denmark, and came to this country as a young man. His mother, born May 24, 1856, in Norway, was brought to this country when her family settled in Allamakee County in Northeastern Iowa in 1858. The family passport, dated April 24, 1858, shows her father's name as Ole Nielsen Tresseng, and her mother's name as Gertrude. The name Olsen was adopted in this country. In the 1870's Hannah Olsen went to live at St. Paul, travelling by river steamboat from Lansing, Iowa, and was married there to Lauritz Martin Nelson in 1887. Hannah M. Nelson died on May 2, 1917, and Lauritz M. Nelson on December 18, 1942, both at St. Paul where they are buried at Oakland Cemetery.

Norman and Blanche Nelson lived throughout their married life at St. Paul. From the time they were married Margaret Working Woods lived with them until her death in 1918. Blanche Woods Nelson died at St. Paul on September 23, 1957, and was buried there at Oakland Cemetery. Her husband survives her.

Issue:

A. Elizabeth Virginia Nelson, twin, born October 24, 1911; died September 3, 1912.

B. Dorothy Jane Nelson, twin of Elizabeth, born at St. Paul, October 24, 1911. She was married on June 2, 1934, to Ramon R. Lauderdale at St. Paul. She now lives at Boulder, Colorado, with

her three children:

(a) Virginia Sue Lauderdale, born April 10, 1935, at St. Paul, Minnesota

(b) Sandra Mary Lauderdale, born April 24, 1943, at Billings, Montana.

(c) James Norman Lauderdale, born March 16, 1949, at Billings, Montana.

Diary of
Clarissa Tousley Woods

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June 11th, 1856

It takes a great deal of thinking and fixing to get one's mind made up and get started for the western part of the world, and after you get your mind made up to go, and get ready to go, then comes the parting with parents, brothers and sisters; friends and neighbors, which is no light task. You have to leave all old friends and acquaintances and form new ones, but you get your mind made up that it is best for you to go, so all things being ready, you start. This is what we did, at any rate.

Well, the parting hour has come, the goodbyes are all spoken, and with tears in our eyes, we mount our prairie ship, crack the whip, and we are under sail. Imagination and hope get the better of our feelings, and we dry our tears and soon feel happy and cheerful.

Well, it is noon now and we have halted for refreshment and rest. We find two large trees, a chestnut on the north side of the road, and an oak on the south side. We unhitch the horses, tie them to the back end of the wagon on the north side of the road, under the chestnut, and then kindled a fire and got our dinner under the oak. We boiled some potatoes and the teakettle. Had some cold boiled pork, some pickles, some bread and butter, some apple pie and some cake. Spread our table cloth on the ground and seated ourselves on the grass around it, held our plates on our laps and a nice time we had of it.

We came through York Center. That is a pretty place. Take it all around, we have had quite a pleasant forenoon of it. Well, after resting

two hours, we start again. We come to the center of Penfield. This is a very lonesome place, the most so of any little town I ever saw. They have three meeting houses and one schoolhouse. The buildings are mostly new. The fences are all made of rails, no board fences, and the town is got up just right to be awful lonely. From Penfield we pass on to Wellington, and find the most lonesome road I ever traveled, very rough. Wellington is quite a pretty place. From there we came on to Brighton, where we are staying all night at Fry's tavern. This is a small place, but quite pleasant. Tirzah stopped at a house at the west side of Litchfield, to get a cup of water and they gave her a nice basket of apples. They were not bad to take.

Thursday evening, June 12th

One more day's work done. We left Brighton this morning at six o'clock, after having breakfasted and got the dishes washed, came on through Clarksfield and Hartland. In either of these there is no town. Then we came on to Newark, which is a very large and flourishing place. Saw the cars running, and a great many new and strange sights. For about 3/4 of a mile, as you come out of the west end of the town, you can scarcely see the houses on account of the fences. It is a very pretty sight. We then came on about two miles, stopped under a large chestnut, got dinner on the north side of the road, and as there was no tree on the south side of the road, we had to be accommodating and let the horses eat under the same tree. We eat on the same table that we did yesterday, a very good one whilst it stays dry weather.

We then came on to Monroeville. This also

is a large and business place. From there we came to Bellevue, and on the road between the two last places, we saw three trains of cars all under full sail, and on the road between Newark and Monroeville, we saw the biggest corn and potatoes that we have seen this year, by all odds. We are stopping at a tavern two miles west of Bellevue. There is another team here, bound for Iowa. They have two span of horses, each horse well trimmed with bells so they make some noise in the world and attract some attention.

Friday Evening, June 13th.

Again we put up for the night and right in Dutchdom, too. The landlady can't understand a word of English, and I not a word of Dutch. So you see, we have to employ an interpreter. Her family, which consists of two sons, can talk some English. They are very nice people and we get along first rate. The family that we found last night have traveled with us today. We all took dinner at the same table (the ground) and have all put up at the same tavern tonight. They are going to Fayette County, Iowa. They are going through Michigan and we through Indiana, so that we shall not be together more than a day or two longer. We are in Woodville, 33 miles west of Bellevue. We have traveled on the macadamized road all day. Have to pay toll every few miles. We have come through several small villages today and one large city, Freemontville. It is a great business place and a very pretty place. We have rode between two telegraphs all day, so I think we can sleep fast tonight. I do not feel tired at all tonight, and don't hear any complaints from the rest. I have

got a new pair of shoes today, a new palmleaf fan, and a little tin pail for butter. William has got a new hat, pair of pants, and vest. Ain't we improving? So much for going west.

Saturday evening, June 14th

Have traveled 29 miles today. Came through two large cities, Perrysburg and Maumee City, just across the river from each other. Come through some very good looking country, and some very poor. The last six miles was a perfect swamp, four and a half of that, not a single house. Have put up at a little place called Swanton, in Fulton township. Shall stay here over Sunday, and it is a very good place to stay, too.

Sunday, June 15th

Have been to a Methodist Meeting today, at a schoolhouse. Had a very good meeting. Only one sermon after meeting. Took a walk, found some strawberries and wintergreen, and then wrote home.

Monday, June 16th

Left Swanton six o'clock A. M. Traveled through some very pretty country. Came through Ottoway, and a little to the west side of the town found a very good place to halt and get some dinner, so we unloaded ourselves and whilst I was getting dinner, husband and children gathered strawberries, and we had an extra dish for dinner. After dinner drove on to Union, which is a large town. Here we halt for the night.

Tuesday, June 17th

Today we have come from Union to West Unity,

and most of the way it is a low, wet, aguey, miserable swampy country, but we have found a very pleasant place to stay over night if it is raining some.

Wednesday, June 18th

Left West Unity this morning. Come on two and one half miles and crossed the Ohio and Indiana State line, and here we leave the Buckeye State, the home of our childhood. The birthplace of Husband and children behind us, we come on to Angola, the county seat of Steuben County. Find a large and beautiful place, a great business place, too. Get here at noon, come a mile or two out of town and halt for dinner then travel on until night and stop at a private house to stay all night for want of a tavern. We find a first rate good place and good accommodations. Traveled through some very good country and some very poor, today.

Thursday, June 19th

Come to Northport. Get here a little after noon. Here we stop to visit a sister. Have an awful good visit. Find some cousins of third and fourth generations. Had quite a visit with them and have a pretty good time generally. We stay here until Monday, June 23rd.

Monday, June 23rd

The goodbye being exchanged with our dear sister and brother, the horses quick to the nose, we are again speeding onward to the far west. 'Tis noon now, we are seated to our meal, the iron horse passes within a few rods of us, and as he so furiously gallops away, makes one feel his snail-ology to try to keep pace. After having a short

snooze, all refreshed we resume the onward and westward march. The day is pleasant but am awful tired. We drive today over 30 miles. Have stopped at Greenville for the night, pleasant a country as the eye could covet.

Tuesday, June 24th

This morning is quite cool and refreshing. Two hours drive and we are in the midst of the most beautiful country I ever saw. The largest corn and the best looking wheat here. They are harvesting the first and last we saw for ten days. Did not reach a tavern till eleven at night. We are all very tired.

Friday, June 27th

Have concluded to stay until Monday, here. Oats are about 12 inches high, have had no rain of any account for two months. We are now about on the Illinois line. Will is looking about, prospecting the country. Rather a fine looking one but land quite too high priced for such a new one. As for self, I am doing a little washing and considerable resting. Our landlady pretty well "how-come-you-so" from the effects of partaking a little too freely of the contents of a decanter in her cupboard which she calls "bitters".

Saturday, June 28th

Will is loitering about trying his new gun and enjoying himself pretty well. I am ironing and baking and have to rest pretty often on account of the warm weather. It is very warm. We are having a pretty good time generally. The landlady still keeps going to the bottle. I should not wonder

if there was something good in it, but she don't let any of us taste it.

Sunday, June 29th

Will has been sleeping all the forenoon, and I have been lounging about, occasionally taking a peek at the landlady, for she is confined to her bed today, drunk. Oh, what a shocking sight to see a female in such a plight. She has not eaten anything today. William and self just been out to gather strawberries. Found plenty of them, and nice ones, too. What a nice dish for tea. A few minutes after we returned to the house, two men drove up and called for something to drink, and pretended to be strangers, having met only an hour or two before, when the one driving the buggy asked the other to ride and the other was treating now to pay for the ride, a very feasible looking story, one pretending to be just from New York, the other just from Massachusetts. The one from New York, the owner of the buggy, drove off, leaving the Massachusetts Gentleman here, who said he would walk to the depot, one or two miles distance, and take the cars for Galena, being in quite a hurry to get there. Their conversation, while together here, was such as to lead us to think they had seen each other before and all was not right. The one that stayed went out around the barn, looking about. While he was out, Will made up his mind that he had seen him before and not in Massachusetts either. When he returned to the house, he told him he thought he had seen him before but the gentleman said that could not be. William then told him where and when - at Yellow Creek Basin, and his treacherous memory coming to his aid, finally owned up.

He then inquired of William if he knew the Beldin boys and Jim Brown. Will told him he did and asked him if he did. He said no, he was not acquainted with them, but had heard considerable about them as he passed through Yellow Creek Basin. He forgot his hurry and went out to the barn and went to sleep. Soon after he went out, the landlord came to William and asked him if he thought all was right, that he had suspicions of the gentlemen, and should look out for his horses, and wanted to know what he thought about them. William told him that he had come to the conclusion. At night they put said gentleman upstairs to sleep, which he felt unwilling to do, feeling quite anxious to sleep below. After he had retired, William and the landlord loaded their guns and went to the barn and watched their horses, not sleeping any all night. About midnight, two men came up within a few rods of the barn, stopped behind some bushes, and talked a few minutes, so low as not to be understood, then left and in about an hour returned again, and then left again, but did not meddle with the horses. They left this time for good.

Monday morning, June 30th

Westward Ho! Got our breakfast and under sail. Just as the landlady gets her breakfast ready our gentleman of yesterday washes up and gets ready for his breakfast, but as soon as we start, he picks up and pulls on after us, without waiting to eat his breakfast, but he could not keep pace with Frank and Jenny and was so far behind as not to be seen, and has stayed behind all day. We travelled through some very good country for sixteen miles, and then come to a big slough, which

will last to Chicago, a distance of 30 miles. We put up for the night 16 miles from Chicago.

Tuesday, July 1st

Arrived at Chicago, about 1 P.M. Spent the afternoon looking around, went down to the lake and went out of town - come seven miles and stopped for the night. Were obliged to sleep in our wagon for the first time.

Wednesday, July 2nd

Had a very good night's rest. Still our sleeping room was rather small but much more comfortable than we expected it would be. We drove one or two miles before getting breakfast. We then stopped, fed the team, and got our own breakfast, and just as we got ready to start, it commenced sprinkling, which made it rather sloppy on the planks. We had filled a tick with hay last night, which we left on the wagon this morning for the children to sleep on through the day, and it being quite warm this morning, we left the canvas loose to let what little air there was into our house. The bed came to the top of the wagon box. Marshall soon fell asleep and fell out of the wagon, and the wheel ran onto him and broke his right leg just below the hip joint, and if it had not been for the rain making the planks slippery (we being on a plank road)which when the wheel ran onto him, shoved him off from the planks, or it must have killed him. Imagine our feelings, strangers in a strange land, several miles from any house, and several miles from a physician, but we did not stop long to think, for a man came to our wagon, told us to take the boy to his house and he would

go for a physician. He helped us into the house, which was small, and served for the family use and shoe shop, bedroom, and from the appearance, pig pen, too. We saw at a glance that this would not do for the poor unfortunate boy. They told us we would find a physician three miles ahead, so we got into our wagon again, fixed up a very comfortable place for the boy, William holding him with his bed, on his lap, and drove on very slowly the three miles. When we got there, found the physician sick, not able to do anything for the boy at all, and found out also that we had got to go five miles farther to find a physician, and there, in that place, we should find a tavern, "The Travelers Home". This looked hard to think the poor boy must be hauled five miles, and he did not look as though he could live that length of time, but there was no alternative, so on we came and arrived here at one o'clock. Found the physician at home, but he was a German, and we could not understand him, and had to employ an interpreter, which we soon did. He took the poor little fellow into his office, examined his limb, and pronounced it broken, and that it would require six or eight weeks to become sound again. The next thing was to find a stopping place. We soon found a good temperance hotel, kept by a Mrs. Parker, a widow lady and her father, and in thirty minutes from the time we came to town, we were lodged in our tavern home and the unfortunate boy on his bed to endure a long and painful, and we, an anxious and watchful eight weeks.

Then a machine, or frame, was required to put him in. Failing to understand his German description, I took from his library a draft book,

went to the nearest mechanics shop and there performed the hardest half-days work I ever done. At dark I completed it and at nine o'clock the Doctor myself set his limb, placed him in the frame. No one came, but all left, rather than see him suffer, which was awful to witness. But now to the task before us. For twenty-one days and nights I did not undress. A band to loosen or one to fasten, his limb to bathe, or drink to give. So we cannot sit for more than five to twenty minutes at a time. But, notwithstanding our misfortune, there are many things to amuse one here, which helps to while away the time and keep the blues off. We are truly in the midst of Dutchdom. Here we saw a man, or boy, twenty-eight years old, but two feet high, in a measure, simple, also somewhat witty, a curious specimen of human. The country is decidedly beautiful, and the people rather clever and our landlady and family are the most obliging people for innkeepers I ever saw. During our stay here I have visited the western part of Illinois and the southern part of Wisconsin.

Monday, August 26th

We now commence our westward march. Marshall is out of his box but cannot walk a step yet. He can help himself around the house and yard quite briskly. He sits on the floor and lifts himself with his hands, placing them opposite his hips and with the help of his well leg, gets around to divert himself considerable. He has had a tedious time, but he bore it like a man. His general health is quite good now, and we think it quite safe to pursue our journey. We have traveled over some of the Illinois prairie today. We have rode several miles

together, and not seen a house or a fence, nor any timber to build. Land all owned in these places by speculators and held at from thirty dollars to fifty dollars per acre. They may hold it a long time for all of me. I would not even try to content myself in such a place. We are staying at Antioch tonight, it is quite a pretty place.

Tuesday, August 27th

Got ready to start in good time, this morning. Will went out and hitched up the horses, or got them harnessed, ready to hitch to the wagon and stepped in to the blacksmith shop, leaving the horses loose in the barn and they very coolly walked out of the barn and started for a big slough, some half or three quarters of a mile long, and forty or fifty rods wide, but it was not fun for but a short time, for when they got in they were obliged to stay in until helped out. But the men of the place rallied out with ropes and soon succeeded in getting them out of their muddy bed. They gave some awful jumps in coming out and were completely covered with mud and the same with William. But he soon cleaned the horses and changed clothes and about nine o'clock we got started. We have traveled through some as beautiful country today as I ever wish to see and some not so good. Some pretty little towns. We are staying at Uncle Reuben Tousley's tonight. We arrived here about eight o'clock this evening, found them all at home except cousin Reuben, and also found all well.

Wednesday, August 28th

Have had an excellent visit today. Uncle and William have been over to Uncle's farm. Harriet

has been washing for me and we have all visited as hard as we could. We number only eighteen altogether.

Thursday, August 29th

Visiting as hard as ever. After dinner, Uncle, Aunt, Will and self went riding. We went first to west Troy, then about one mile north to where cousin Reuben was at work threshing. From there, to East Troy, which is a very pretty town. From there to Uncle's again. We are finishing up the visit this evening, as we are to resume our journey tomorrow.

Friday, August 30th

We have to bid goodbye to the friends, and march on. We have had quite a pleasant day's ride today. A handsome country all the way. Passed through some beautiful villages today. The farms look inviting to those that have their pockets full of gold, but to those that have but little, they say "Go on, you can't have me. I'm not to be bought for a trifle, you must go west if you wish for a farm," and we are led to exclaim, when one does go west, I think it must be East they mean for the farther west you go the higher priced you find land. We came on to Oconowalk, quite a large town, but only one public house. Drove up to the door of this one, called for lodging, found they were full and we could not stay, so on we drove. It was getting quite late. We drove two miles out of town and found that if we could not find a stopping place soon, we would have to camp out. It was now quite dark, but we saw a house ahead and thought we would try and stay there. Drove up and William went in and found we could stay. Unloaded and went and found to our surprise and joy they were

old acquaintances; playmates of our childhood, from Anson Olds, and found also that his father's family were all living close by. Found out, too, that we could not leave till Monday without a fuss, and we thought it would not do to get in a fuss, so we concluded to stay.

Saturday, August 31st

Got up this morning and before we were fairly dressed, Mrs. Ferry, she that was Ruth Olds, and her husband, came to see us after being apprised of our being there. We had breakfast the next thing, in order then came the watermelons, which were awful good. The next thing was where shall we visit today. We finally concluded to go to old Mr. Olds, and on the way we were to call and see Mrs. Prichard, she that was Jane Olds, and take her with us. So the arrangements being made, Mr. Ferry went home, hitched his oxen to his cart, drove up where we were. All piled in, taking Father and Mother and Lurancy's pictures in my satchel. Drove to Mr. Prichards and called. Found old Mrs. Olds here. Had an awful kissing time, then Ruth says: "Clarissa has her Mother's and Father's likeness with her," and I proceeded forthwith to show them. Mrs. Olds made a grab, got hold of them. "Oh Dear" says she, "If here ain't Orr and Tirzah." Then such a kissing as the said Orr and Tirzah got, especially Orr. Can't be beat this side of there. Then the crying commenced, and I don't know what this was for, unless it was because it was not the original Orr. But soon all became quiet and we all proceeded to the cart, again enroute to old Mr. Olds. We had quite a load by this time, but we had not far to go, and

therefore soon got there safely. Here we found Mrs. Charlotte Foss, formerly Miss Charlotte Olds, Mrs. Olds' youngest daughter. She was married on July 4th, 1856. They then sent for Mrs. Mary Foss, she that was Mary Olds, and take us all together, we had a jolly good time. Ruth lives about two miles from her father, Anson and Jane about a mile and a half; Mary but a few rods. Charlotte lives with her mother as yet, and intends to for some time. We go home to stay with Ruth all night.

Sunday, September 1st

Stayed to Ferry's till towards evening. Have had a very good visit. Had Ferry's experience in the courting business from his boyhood to the present time, quite interesting. We are staying at Anson's tonight. Have plenty of good watermelons, not bad to take.

Monday, September 2nd

Enroute for the west again. Again we bid goodbye to friends and proceed on our journey. We are staying at Dodge Center tonight. Have had a very pleasant day's ride. Passed through two or three very pretty towns. Nothing very interesting to record. This is a very pretty town, though very hilly.

Tuesday, September 3rd

We are staying at the house of a Canadian widower tonight. I do my cooking and cook for him and his little boy, all the family he has, and for a gentleman that is staying with him. I feel rather lonely, there is not a house in sight, and it is a hilly lonesome place, but I know if nothing happens,

we shall be off in the morning, and I think I can stand it one night.

Wednesday, September 4th

We have got West, I guess, we are staying with a family by that name anyway. We came through Portage City today. We had some very pretty country to ride through today until we got there. We found a large city, and from appearances, a rich and business one, but a very sandy place. We were ferried across the Wisconsin River here, and since we crossed that we have lost all trace of civilization. We are one hundred and nine miles due East of La Crosse, but we shall have to go one hundred and forty miles to get there. We have the best kind of a place to stay all night. Their son gave up his bed to me, and went to the barn and slept on the hay. Marshall, Myra, Jay and myself, slept in the house, the rest slept in the wagon, that being drove into the barn.

Thursday, September 5th

Nothing worth recording except that we found a town of about one thousand inhabitants, and this we thought quite a find, after giving up in despair of ever seeing anyone again. It is a pretty place, too. It is called Newport. The country about here is quite hilly. We are staying at a log Tavern. Kept by a Mr. Whitney. It is raining. We have made our beds on the kitchen floor, and the room is well ventilated, if anyone may judge from the occasional puffs from old Boreas, breathing through the cracks.

Friday, September 6th

Today, about eleven o'clock we came through Mauston, a new and thriving town. Bought some cranberries here. This afternoon we came through another new town called Lisbon. We are staying in a wilderness. The man of the house has gone cranberrying. They have a living trouble, as they suppose. They landed in this place three years ago the tenth of last July. The third day of September following, they were invited to their nearest neighbors, about one mile away, to eat watermelon. They accepted the invitation, taking with them their two children, the oldest a boy of four years, the other a boy two years old. They ate melons as long as they wished, and then this man and the man of the house they were at, went out to look for some missing hogs. It was a dense forest about there, and the men had not been out but a few moments when the woman missed her oldest boy, and supposing he had followed his father, she searched in that direction for him. She soon met the father coming back, looking for the same little fellow. He heard him scream three times and supposed he was trying to find them. They rallied neighbors and hunted two nights and two days for the little fellow, but they could not find him, and they have never heard from him since. They suppose he was stolen by the Indians, who ravage that part of the state constantly. Several families have had their children stolen and recovered them, but they don't expect ever to find their lost darling. The mother is almost distracted at the thought of having her child brought up among the Indians. She says if she could only have buried him, or known that the bears, so thick in that part of the state, had torn

him to pieces, she could have given him up cheerfully to what she now can. Poor woman. May God restore her child to her, if he be still living.

Saturday, September 7th

We stopped today at noon, on account of the rain. We traveled between two ledges of rocks all the forenoon, the most dismal, lonesome, ill-looking part of the world, with only once in a great ways a house, and for this reason they can't find a level place between the rocks large enough to build upon. I would not live here for the whole of Adams County. I don't know but we shall be obliged to stay, for I can't see any way to get out from among the rocks. There don't seem to be any way but to back out. We can't turn round, the rocks are so close together. I guess we will try and go on, for I am bound to go west.

Sunday, September 8th

William and Tirzah have been to meeting with Mr. Lakes' people, the family with whom we are stopping. They seem like very nice people. They would like to sell their farm, still they want to make something to pay them for staying on it as long as they have.

Monday, September 9th

Traveling among the Wisconsin bluffs, being the order of the day. We march, and I tell you I rejoice to think that we have not got to stay here any longer. Passed through a little town called Jackson before noon, and about noon passed the summit of the great west. We are staying at Sparta tonight, quite a large town, and a great

amount of business done here. Three years ago there was but three houses in the place. It beats all how swift these western towns spring up.

Tuesday, September 10th

We find occasionally an opening between the bluffs. Today a pleasanter country than Saturday. Yesterday about noon came up with a couple of men, driving cows, their families with two other families behind, and they expect to be overtaken by them soon. They are going into Minnesota. We shall probably cross the Mississippi together. We stopped for the night one and a half miles east of La Crosse. We had to sleep in our wagon because we could get no place to stay. We got the horses into a barn and comfortably ensconced in our small sleeping room, when a teamster drove up, and the landlord, thinking we were asleep, ordered our horses to be taken out of the barn and tied to a tree, and the other team to be put in the barn. This raised the besum a little and William got up, hitched the horses to our bedroom, and drove a mile farther, put the horses into another barn, and we went to bed again.

Wednesday, September 11th

The wind howled so furiously last night we could not sleep much. We were afraid the roof would blow off our house, but it did not, and we find all safe this morning. Drive into La Crosse, find it like all the Western towns, thriving incredibly fast. The buildings are large and costly. The town will undoubtedly be an extensive one, and do a great amount of business. We stay here only a few moments when the ferry boat comes in sight,

which is to take us across the Mississippi. Here we leave the states behind us and come into the great territory of Minnesota, which will in all probability, be our future home. For about six or seven miles we find it very hilly. We then come onto a flat where there is a fine stream of water. Here we stop for dinner, our first meal in the territory. We have those two cattle gentlemen to dine with us. After dinner we have a long steep hill to go up, about one mile in length. Then we come to a nice rolling country, prairie dotted over with timber, very beautiful to us after the Wisconsin rocks. We have to camp out tonight. Again we had just got our table set for tea, when along came the families belonging to our cattlemen. They turned in and we have as jolly a time as one could wish for. There are five men and three women and a goodly number of children. The men all sleep on the ground under the wagons.

Thursday, September 12th

Started along this morning in very good spirits. Having so much company it makes the day pass more swiftly. We find a very pretty country, the land is mostly taken up and held quite high. Our company camps tonight and we with them, without trying to find a better stopping place.

Friday, September 13th

A country about the same as yesterday, and the same company until afternoon, when we overtake another family with two wagons, and the two young men with them when they join our camp and we drive into St. Charles public square and camp for the night, feeling as grand as though we were

living at the White House at Washington. We retire feeling very friendly towards Minnesota.

Saturday, September 14th

Came about three miles this morning. William found an old acquaintance, and he urges him to stop and look around here awhile, so we, with the last family, stop at a frame shanty, the other family having a stove, and we get along very finely. We can only have this house until Monday as the owner is going to fetch his family here then.

Sunday, September 15th

It is a very pleasant day, very warm. Have spent the day in reading. Myra is quite sick for the last three days. She has not set up any, has lain in the wagon all day, has a very high fever, don't compain any, nor eat any. We fear she has an attack of typhoid. The gentlemen that stopped with us have gone hunting. Claims forgetting the claims their Heavenly Father has on them.

Monday, September 16th

Drove our wagon close to a very nice spring of water, and William has one of the horses and gone looking for land. The gentlemen that were with us took their families and went on to a claim they found yesterday. Myra is better today and I am washing, and it is no small washing I have to do. I have washed fourteen dresses, sixteen aprons, besides basques, bonnets, and a large amount of white clothes. Am somewhat tired tonight.

Tuesday, September 17th

It is pleasant today but quite windy. William

found no claim yesterday and has gone again today. I got my clothes dry yesterday, gathered them up this morning, folded and sprinkled them, got a box out of the wagon and fixed up for ironing. Got a dress ironed for myself, got into the wagon to put it on and whilst I was doing this the wind blew the fire onto my folded clothes and they all burned up. This made me feel rather downhearted but by this time we have learned to try and look on the bright side of things, but it seems sometimes as though there was no bright side for us, but it is all for the best, still it is hard to see it so sometimes.

Wednesday, September 18th

No claim yet. William keeps up the looking, but begins to think it is all a humbug about there being any good claims in these parts. He is bound to go farther if he is not suited here.

Thursday, September 19th

Rains today. We go to Mr. Drake's house, choosing that in a rainstorm in preference to our own.

Friday, September 20th

Cold and rainy. No claim yet.

Saturday and Sunday, September 21st, 22nd

Still at Mr. Drake's. Going to leave tomorrow, no chance here.

Monday, September 23rd

Left Mr. Drake's this morning. Come back to St. Charles, took the Rochester road here, come a mile and a half to a Tavern kept by a widow lady by the name of Waller. Her husband was killed

in a well the 12th day of last June. Here we stop, engaged a room for three weeks. William is going farther west to look, and leave us here till he returns.

Monday, September 30th

William has spent the past week teaming. Has been to Winona doing some plowing, hauling wood and making preparations for starting today for Steele County. Just before he got ready to start, three men came along, bound for that county, Gaylord, and Strong, by name. They gave him six dollars apiece to take them with him, and they are all gone and I hope they will all find homes to suit, and that quite speedily. I am tired of this way of living, but hope that it is quite a prominent bump on my head, and as we have an excellent place to stay, I get along very well. Myra has got quite well. We all enjoy good health and hope to come out all O.K.

Saturday, October 12th

William has returned. He has taken a claim in section 11 and 14 town 106 Range 20, six miles south of Owatonna, the county seat of Steele County, and, if nothing happens we will start for there next Tuesday. Our landlady has sold her place today for $2500. Only a log house with a frame addition, not done off. Six acres broke, with a log barn. She is going to Steele County Sunday.

Sunday, October 13th

A very pleasant day, and feeling very well, all of us.

Monday, October 14th

Baking and packing and getting ready to move

tomorrow. Mrs. Waller packing her things, also Mrs. Smith and her daughter, who is living here. We are quite a hurly burly set.

Tuesday, October 15th

William swapped off his wagon last evening, got $55.00 to boot. This morning had to move all our duds from one wagon to the other, and did not get started until about 2 P.M. Came six or seven miles and put up for fear of not finding another house where we could stay. The family were from Wisconsin, and were well acquainted with Uncle Reuben's folks, so, by this means we had quite a visit.

Wednesday, October 16th

Came to Rochester. Here we sold our horses for $300.00, bought a yoke of oxen for $125.00, hitched them to our wagon, came six or seven miles further, stopped at a log tavern for the night.

Thursday, October 17th

Came through Mantorville today, a very pretty place. Then to Waseoga, where we are staying all night. This is a splendid little town. They would not permit anyone to sell whiskey in the town, the proprietors would not allow it at all. I hope they will succeed in keeping it out. Their town will grow fast no doubt, for all the western towns do. They don't want but twenty four houses to build a town up here. Oh, 'tis a great place.

Friday, October 18th

Came on as far as Waldo House to get our breakfast. They were so full at Waseoga we could not have a chance there. Then we came to Rice

Lake, then within two miles of Owatonna and stopped at Mr. Selleks for the night. It has been very cold today and we are all very tired.

Saturday, October 19th

Came to Owatonna. Stopped here and did some trading. Find a fast growing town here. It has only existed since May last, and is quite a large town, several stores, two taverns, blacksmith shop, and a sawmill, a great amount of business done. We then came on to Mr. Watson's, where we halt for supper, then hunt a place to stay while our home is building. Find a place at Mr. Sherpy's. They have no family except the man and his wife. The man is off, teaming, and she is alone and wants to have us come.

November 1st

William, finding that he could not get along very fast with his work, and live so far from it, concluded to put up a shanty. He did so, and today we moved bag and baggage onto our own premises, and you better believe we are an independent feeling set. We have had no home of our own since April. Left Ohio the eleventh day of June and have been from that time until today, finding a home. We have had a long and tedious journey, though, in many respects a very pleasant one, and in some ways a very sad one. But if we secure a home, and by honest industry, gain a good living and can educate our children, we shall feel amply rewarded. But time will decide, and we must bide the decision and take a chance with the rest, ever hoping for the best.

THE HOLMES FAMILY

related to
The Woods Family
by the marriage prior to 1814
of
William Woods and Elizabeth Holmes
(1788 - 1835) (1794 - 1862)

John Holmes, the first of the Holmes family of whom we have a record in this country, was born in Derry County, Ireland, in 1766. In 1781, when he was 15 years old, he came to this country and lived in Pennsylvania. His father's name was David Holmes. Whether David Holmes also emigrated from Ireland is not known.

Some time before 1794 John Holmes was married in Pennsylvania to Sarah Moore, who was born in 1772. Sarah Moore's father was David Moore, also born in Derry County, Ireland. He settled in Washington County, Pennsylvania.

Washington County is probably where John Holmes and Sarah Moore were married. It is where they lived for some years after their marriage, and is where at least some of their children were born.

In 1807 John Holmes emigrated with his family to Youngstown Twp. in Ohio, situated in a portion of Trumbull County which later became part of Mahoning County. In this move they were pioneers. According to family lore, Sarah Moore Holmes was the second white woman to cross the Mahoning River.

Deed records show the purchase by John Holmes on January 24, 1809 of a farm in Youngstown Twp. consisting of 32 acres, 1 rood and 8

perches. Description is by distances between posts set at the corners or edge of adjoining farms which are described only by owners' names. This farm was sold on May 31, 1810, by conveyance signed by John and Sarah Holmes. As purchaser and as sellers, they are described as being "of Youngstown".

The children of this marriage were:

1. Elizabeth Holmes
   Born in 1794 in Pennsylvania. Married William Woods. Died in 1862 in Ohio. (For more, see section relating to William Woods.)
2. David Holmes
   Born November 10, 1796 near Robinson on Racoon Creek, Washington Co., Pennsylvania. Died April 24, 1951. (Of him, more in a following section.)
3. Sarah Holmes
   who married _____Nash.
4. Jane Holmes
   did not marry - died young.
5. John Holmes) did not marry -
6. Samuel Holmes) died in 1820.

John Holmes (the father) died August 26, 1820, at the age of 54, of a fever, as did his sons, John and Samuel, at the same time.

Sarah Moore Holmes died October 1, 1856, at the age of 84. At the time of her death she was mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother to over 103 children, in the families of her children:

Elizabeth (Woods)	52
David	32
Sarah (Nash)	19
	103

The Family of David Holmes (1796 - 1851)

David Holmes, the son of John and Sarah Moore Holmes, was born near Robinson on Racoon Creek, Washington Co., Pennsylvania, on November 10, 1796.

He went with his parents to Trumbull Co., Ohio, in 1807, and lived during his early manhood in Granger and Bath Twps. of Medina Co., Ohio. He was married twice:

A. On April 11, 1820, he was married at Granger to Betsy T. Codding. Burt Codding officiated at the wedding. Betsy T. Codding was born at Bristol, New York, on August 28, 1801. The Coddings became a large family in Medina Co. A member of the family early acquired a large amount of land in Sharon and Granger Twps., and the Codding name appears frequently in land transactions in those townships during the early decades of the 1800's.

After their marriage David Holmes and his wife Betsy lived at Granger for more than ten years, during which time there is a record of David Holmes at various nearby places:

1822 - He started a school at Sharon, in Medina Co.

1823 - He was a witness to a deed executed by his sister, Elizabeth, and her husband at Northampton in Portage Co. (Northampton was later in Summit Co.)

1826 - He was one of the founders of the First Baptist Church at Granger in Medina Co.

Nine children were born of this marriage, of

whom six were born at Granger:

1. John Holmes
   Born September 3, 1821. He was married to Theresa Kingsbury on January 14, 1847, at Spring Arbor, Mich. He died in August 1887.
2. Betsy Codding Holmes
   Born January 15, 1824. She died at Jackson, Mich., October 17, 1843.
3. Sarah Moore Holmes
   Born November 8, 1825. She was married at Concord, Mich. to George Nearpas, and died at Concord, Mich. in Aug. 1956.
4. Charles Burt Holmes
   Born June 6, 1827.
5. Samuel Adolphus Holmes
   Born January 25, 1829
6. Huldah Hannah Holmes
   Born November 16, 1830. Married at Pulaski, Mich., name of husband not known. She died in 1850.

In about 1831 the family moved to Bath, an adjoining township in Medina Co., where two more children were born:

7. Vannessa Parker Holmes
   Born January 15, 1832. She married H. A. Bradley. Died at Concord, Mich.
8. Nancy Wilder Holmes
   Born September 19, 1834.

The family moved to Concord, Jackson County, Michigan, where one child was born.

9. Mary Van Fossen Holmes
   Born February 11, 1837. She married Jacob Hungerford.

Betsy T. Codding Holmes died at

Concord, Michigan, on April 5, 1837.

David Holmes remarried.

B. His second wife was Lucinda Watson, born at Pickering, Canada, in 1820. They were married at Concord, Michigan, in 1840. They had two children:

10. David Clinton Holmes
Born at Concord, Michigan, April 10, 1841. Died June 7, 1864. (Of him, more later.)

11. Winslow Hale Holmes
Born at Concord, Michigan, December 18, 1842. Died April 21, 1916. (Of him, more later.)

David Holmes died at Pulaski, Michigan, on April 24, 1851.

His widow, Lucinda Watson Holmes, was married to Henry Cleveland at Pulaski, Michigan, on November 25, 1858. They had one son, Charles E. Cleveland. She died at Pulaski, Michigan, on October 30, 1861.

David Clinton Holmes
(1841 - 1864)

David Clinton Holmes, the son of David and Lucinda Watson Holmes, was born at Concord, Mich., on April 10, 1841. He did not marry.

As a young man of 17, in 1858, he travelled in Ohio working on newspapers at various places, including Toledo and Cleveland. He kept a diary of his journey, which included his reflections on many things. He came eventually to Akron where he was met by an Uncle Nash who took him to his home, apparently at some distance, and to visit his Aunt Betsy (Elizabeth Holmes Woods Dales) living in Northampton Twp. She told him things about early Holmes family hisotry which he noted in his diary and which became the source of some of the early information included in this account.

He served in the Civil War, enlisting at Ann Arbor, Michigan, on July 23, 1862, in the 20th Regiment of Michigan Inf. Co. H, in which he was a sergeant from date of enlistment. His service record shows him continually with his unit except for a few months on recruiting service in 1863-64 under orders from General Burnside.

He was killed in action at Cold Harbor, Virginia, on June 7, 1864. During his army service he carried a small sketch book in which he made pencil sketches of army scenes. The last sketch is a self-portrait showing him resting in a shelter in the morning of the day on which he was killed.

The sketches are excellent. His talent in drawing, and the many thoughtful observations contained in the diary, indicate that he was an exceptional person.

Family of
Winslow Hale Holmes
(1842 - 1916)

Winslow Hale Holmes, second son of the marriage of David and Lucinda Watson Holmes, was born at Concord, Michigan, on December 18, 1842.

He lived at various places in Wisconsin and Michigan, as indicated in part by the places of birth of his children. He was a newspaper man and for some years was proprietor of the Waupaca (Wisconsin) Republican. He also established the Bayfield (Wisconsin) Progress, and was an organizer of the Bayfield Fruit Growers Association.

In 1914, when he was 72, he made a trip to the west to visit Woods Family relatives at Owatonna, Minn., and in California. He is still remembered by some he visited as "Cousin Holmes", an active and most companionable man.

Winslow Hale Holmes was married twice:

(A) His first wife was Hattie E. Oaks, who was born in Livingston Co., New York. They were married at Marcellus, Michigan, on June 7, 1863. She died in 1873. They had one daughter, Davie Etta Holmes, who was born at Pulaski, Michigan, on August 5, 1864; and who married Mackaye H. Crosswell, and lived at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

(B) His second wife was Hetta K. Lathrop, who was born at Albion, Calhoun Co., Michigan, on December 28, 1851. She was the daughter of Meltiah J. and Elettia B. (Clapp) Lathrop, both born in New York, and was one of seven children.

Winslow Hale Holmes and Hetta K. Lathrop were married at Hastings, Michigan, on May 3, 1874, and six children were born to them. Hetta K. Holmes died at Bayfield, Wisconsin, on November 17, 1914, and Winslow Hale Holmes died at Concord, Michigan, on April 27, 1916.

Their issue:

1. David Meletiah Holmes
   Born at Hastings, Barry Co., Mich., on February 23, 1875. He died at Waupaca, Wis. on April 16, 1909.
2. Anna Elethea Holmes
   Born at Hastings, Mich. on October 1, 1876. She died at Waupaca, Wis. on May 15, 1891.
3. Willys Lathrop Holmes
   Born at Hastings, Mich. on Nov. 5, 1879. He died at Waupaca, Wis. on April 16, 1942. (Of him, more later.)
4. Carrol Winslow Holmes
   Born at Ripon, Wis. on August 24, 1882. He died at Jacksonville, Florida, on July 16, 1947.
5. Grace Glenna Holmes
   Born at Waupaca, Wis. on August 21, 1887. She married Ingolf Larson. He died while they were living in Florida, and she now lives with one of their two sons, Robert, at Pontiac, Mich.
6. Shirley Watson Holmes
   Born at Waupaca, Wis. on March 27, 1893. He died on July 25, 1953, at Tampa, Florida. (Of him, more later.)

More about
Willys Lathrop Holmes
(1879 - 1942)

He was a musician and band leader, and managed entertainment productions in which appeared several people who later were among the most widely known stars.

He and his wife, Anna R. Holmes, had one son:

Willys Nathan Holmes, was born at Waupaca, on December 22, 1922. He married Helen Thompson at Waupaca, on August 31, 1946. They have two children:
Elizabeth Ann Holmes, born May 26, 1947, and
David W. Holmes, born December 7, 1948.

Following the death of Willys Lathrop Holmes, his widow, Anna R. Holmes, has continued to live at Waupaca. The diary and the sketch book of David C. Holmes, referred to above, are in her possession, and it was through her kindness that they and other Holmes family records were made available for reference, furnishing an important part of the material for the preparation of the Holmes Family Account.

More about
Shirley Watson Holmes
(1893 - 1953)

He was married on November 2, 1917, at Chicago, Illinois, to Mary Elizabeth Carrington, who was born at St. Louis, Missouri, on July 4, 1893.

Her parents were Charles Henry Carrington, born in England in 1858, and Sue M. Strong Carrington, born at Altoona, Pa., in 1869. They lived in their later years at Waupaca, Wis., and both died there, in 1928 and 1943 respectively.

Shirley W. and Mary E. Holmes had three children:

1. Marietta Sue Holmes, born at Rockford, Illinois, on August 5, 1918, and married on March 15, 1942, at Shreveport, La. to Richard G. Bouck, now retired after 20 years in the Air Force. They live at Tampa, Florida.

   Children:

   Linda Sue Bouck, born October 8, 1944, died March 27, 1954.

   David Richard Bouck, born June 12, 1947.

   Lisa)
   Susan) twins, born October 10, 1956.

2. Bette Jane Holmes, born at Waupaca, Waupaca, Wis. on August 21, 1921, and married on December 14, 1944, to Samuel G. Richardson, at Alsace, France, while both were on overseas duty. He was a Captain, 601 Tank Destroyer Btln., attached 3rd Div. 7th Army, and she was a First Lieut., nurse, 59th Evacuation Hospital, Stanford University Hosp. unit, att. 7th Army. They now live in Cleveland, Ohio, where he is a structural engineer.

   Issue:

   Douglas S. Richardson, born November

5, 1945.
Jeffrey Thomas Richardson, born November 2, 1946.
Patricia Jane Richardson, born October 15, 1948.

3. Jo Ann Holmes, born at Tampa, Florida, December 27, 1928, and married at Tampa on February 18, 1949, to Hugh B. Mikell. They live at Tampa, where he is a television and communications technician.
Issue:
Shirley Ann Mikell, born March 26, 1951.
Robert Byron Mikell, born May 14, 1952.

Since the death of Shirley W. Holmes at Tampa on July 25, 1953, his widow, Mary E. Holmes, has continued to live at Tampa.

The Randall Family
related to
The Woods Family by

(1) the marriage on February 23, 1826, of
Orr Tousley (1803 - 1892) to Tirzah Randall (1805 - 1866)

and

(2) the marriage on September 23, 1843, of their daughter
Clarissa Tousley (1826 - 1893) to William Holmes Woods (1823 - 1903)

The Randall family, of English origin, was in Connecticut by the middle 1600's. Our link to the family is through the marriage of Tirzah Randall to Orr Tousley in 1826.

Tirzah Randall, born on March 27, 1805, at Malta (later Lorraine) Twp., Jefferson Co., New York, was the daughter of Hubbard Randall and Mary Jennings, who were married at Shelburne, Mass., on February 19, 1795, (more about Tirzah Randall in the Woods and Tousley sections).

Hubbard Randall was born on March 7, 1775, at Colchester, Conn. After his marriage to Mary Jennings, they lived at several places in Massachusetts, and at Lorraine in Jefferson Co., New York. His family traces back through Randalls for five earlier generations to Matthew Randall, born at Bath, England, probably earlier than 1600, as he was mayor of Bath in 1627. On his mother's side, it traces back through six earlier generations of the Avery family to Christopher Avery, also born in England, probably earlier than 1600. Lines of descent of the Randall and Avery families are

shown on following pages herein.

Mary Jennings was born September 20, 1773, at Ashfield, Mass., and died at Lorraine, New York, on November 3, 1832. According to family lore, there was great wealth in the Jennings family in England, and at various times descendents in this country asserted claims but, so far as known, without success.

After the death of his first wife, Hubbard Randall was married on December 24, 1834, to Rebecca Bigelow, who was born on May 4, 1777, and who died at Lorraine on January 7, 1845.

Hubbard Randall died at Redfield, Oswego Co., New York, on April 12, 1859.

Randall Family
Line of Descent to Tirzah Randall
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1. Matthew Randall
   born about 1600 in England
   Lived at Bath, England, where he was mayor.
2. John Randall, Sr.
   born 1629, at Bath, England
   married Elizabeth _____. 4 children.
   Lived at London, England, and by 1666 was in Rhode Island.
3. John Randall, Jr.
   born 1666 at Westerly, Rhode Island.
   married twice at Stonington, Conn.:
   (1) Abigail _____ in 1695.
   6 children
   (2) Mary Baldwin in 1706. 8 children
   (mother of Benjamin, Sr.)
4. Benjamin Randall, Sr.
   born June 2, 1715, at Stonington, Conn.
   married Mary Brown at Stonington, Conn.
   10 children.
5. Benjamin Randall, Jr.
   born July 20, 1742, at Stonington, Conn.
   married twice:
   (1) Anna Avery, at Stonington, Conn., in 1762. 9 children. (mother of Hubbard)
   (2) Eunice Smith. 1 child.
6. Hubbard Randall
   born March 7, 1775, at Colchester, Conn.
   married twice:
   (1) Mary Jennings at Shelburne, Mass. in 1795. 8 children.
   (2) Rebecca Bigelow at Ellisburg, New York, in 1834. No children.
7. Tirzah Randall

born March 27, 1805, at Malta (Lorraine), New York.
married Orr Tousley at Lorraine, New York, in 1826. 8 children.

Avery Family
Line of Descent to Tirzah Randall

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1. Christopher Avery
   born Ipplepen, Devonshire, England
   married Margery Stephens
   He was a weaver.
2. James Avery, Sr.
   born about 1620 in England
   married Jane (Joanna) Greenslade of Boston, Mass., in 1643. 9 children.
3. James Avery, Jr.
   born December 16, 1646, at Glouchester, Mass.
   married Deborah Stallyon at New London, Conn., in 1669. 13 children.
4. Jonathan Avery
   born November 9, 1681, at Groton, Conn.
   married Elizabeth Bill at Groton, Conn., in 1703. 10 children.
   He traded in horses to the West Indies.
5. Abner Avery
   born May 28, 1712, at Groton, Conn.
   married Amy Fox at Montville, Conn., in 1740. 11 children.
6. Amy (Anna) Avery
   born July 25, 1747, at Montville, Conn.
   married Benjamin Randall, Jr. at Stonington, Conn., in 1762. 9 children.
7. Hubbard Randall
   born March 7, 1775, at Colchester, Conn.
   married Mary Jennings at Shelburne, Mass. in 1795. 8 children.
8. Tirzah Randall
   born March 27, 1805, at Malta (Lorraine), New York.

married Orr Tousley at Lorraine, New York, in 1826. 8 children.

The Tousley Family
related to
The Woods Family
by the marriage on September 28, 1843
of
William Holmes Woods and Clarissa Tousley
(1823 - 1903) (1826 - 1893)

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The Tousley family has been a large family in this country, with early New England background and a record of pioneering to the west in many states.

The history of the family in America is said to date from the coming to Connecticut, early in the 1700's, of three Tousley (Towsley) brothers born in Wales, Mathew (born 1710), Robert (born 1712) and William (born 1714), and their English wives. There is a record of a William Towsley, son of the Mathew Towsley referred to above, who was born at Suffield, Conn. on February 5, 1731/2. He was married at Suffield on February 25, 1754, to Sybble Spencer, believed to have been a daughter of Thomas Spencer and Mary Trumble, who were married on December 15, 1720.

William and Sybble Towsley had eleven or more children (see accompanying sheet). Five were born at Suffield, Conn. between 1754 and 1763. The family moved to Vermont and four more were born there between 1764 and 1773, and others as late as 1780. A 12th child of William Towsley, Isabel, born before 1790, has been referred to as a half-sister and it is probable that Sybble had died and William had remarried.

The 1790 census shows many of the Tousleys living in Bennington Co., Vermont, at Rupert especially. William Tousley is reported to have died

at Rupert in 1792.

Reuben Tousley, the ninth of the children of William and Sybble Tousley, was born in about 1773, presumably at Rupert. He married Mary Thomas, who was of Welsh descent, and they had at least four children, Harriet, Clarissa, Orr and Reuben.

Orr Tousley, a central figure in this family account, was born at Waltham, Addison Co., Vermont, on October 26, 1803. There are conflicting records about the early years of his life. His newspaper obituary states:

> "His father died before he was two years of age, and he was adopted by an aunt at Georgia, Chittenden Co., Vt., when he was four years of age. He lived with her until 1816, when he went to Ellisburg, New York." The History of the Minnesota Valley (1882) states: "When 13 years of age, he accompanied his parents to New York and completed his education in the schools of Jefferson County (N.Y.)."

Another record states: "Orr is supposed to have left Waltham, Vt. in 1806 for Ellisburg (N.Y.), arriving in October."

There has existed a record of family history prepared by a Tousley Family Association which supports the belief that our Orr Tousley was the Orr included in the family of Reuben and Mary Thomas Tousley referred to above, in which other children were Harriet, Clarissa and Reuben. This family description has also been stated as appearing in an old family bible. The authority for this states further that Orr is supposed to have been born at Waltham, Vt. in 1803, which would pretty well identify him as our Orr. He states also that the

Reuben named with Orr as one of the children was supposedly born in Jefferson Co. (N.Y.) on November 18, 1804. This would place the family move to New York as having taken place in 1803-4.

A further reason for thinking that this was our Orr's family is that later his eldest daughter was named Clarissa and another was named Mary, the names of his presumed sister and mother respectively. Also, his daughter, Clarissa, tells in her diary of seeing an Uncle Reuben during the journey of her family on the way to Minnesota in 1856.

Several members of the Tousley family left Vermont for New York in the first decades of the 1800's, and there were many Tousleys in the Ellisburg district of Jefferson County, New York, in those years.

Orr Tousley was married in Lorraine Twp. Jefferson Co., to Tirzah Randall on February 23, 1826. Tirzah Randall was born in Malta Twp. (now Lorraine Twp.) in Jefferson Co. on March 27, 1805. She was a daughter of Hubbard and Mary Jennings Randall who were born respectively in Connecticut in 1775 and in Massachusetts in 1773, and were married in Massachusetts in 1795. (For more on Randalls and their related families to the early 1700's, see Randall Family Section in this book).

Orr and Tirzah Tousley lived in Jefferson Co. after their marriage. Their first child, Clarissa, was born at Ellisburg on December 20, 1826, and is probably the Clarissa Tousley referred to in the Baptist Church record at Ellisburg though no date is shown (church record 1808 - 1826). The Orr Tousleys were living in Lorraine Twp. in 1828 when a second daughter was born to them. The federal

census shows them in Lorraine in 1830, with two female children "5 years and under". A son was born there in 1830.

Orr farmed in Lorraine until 1831 when he moved to Stow Twp., Portage Co., (Stow is now in Summit Co.), Ohio. There is a record of a land conveyance to him on December 15, 1835, of a 30 acre farm at Stow. This conveyance was by Reuben Tousley and his wife, Tirzah C. Tousley. Orr and his wife, Tirzah, sold this farm by conveyance dated December 6, 1836.

These deeds and the others described herein in the following conformed to an early Ohio requirement that when a conveyance was by husband and wife, the wife before signing had to be examined separate and apart from her husband, he supposedly leaving the room, and the contents of the instrument made known and explained to her by the person taking the acknowledgment. This was a requirement carried forward from a time when frequently women could not read or write and was for their protection, a requirement apparently not needed in connection with any of the deeds examined and described herein as they were all fully signed.

In the years at Stow two sons were born, in 1834 and 1836. One account states that they were born at Strasburg, in Franklin Twp., Tuscarawas Co., Ohio, but this is questionable as the 1835 and 1836 deeds referred to both describe Orr Tousley as "of Stow".

The family moved to Medina Co., Ohio, where by deed dated May 2, 1837, Orr acquired a residence lot in Sharon Twp., which lot he owned until April 12, 1839. This may have been during the

period when he was reported to have been a merchant for a year. In 1840 the family was in adjoining Granger Twp., Medina Co., and there is a record of a sale by Orr and Tirzah Tousley of land in Granger on October 17, 1840, and a further sale by them in Granger on July 30, 1845. Two children were born at Granger, a boy in 1840 and a boy in 1843, both of whom died in infancy. An eighth child, a boy, was born in Ohio in 1847.

The 1850 census shows the family in another neighboring township, Medina in Medina Co., with five children, the eldest, Clarissa, having married.

In 1857 the family moved to Minnesota and settled at LeSueur, where Orr Tousley was variously engaged, principally as a farmer, during the remainder of his life. The federal census for 1860 shows him as a ferryman, an occupation which he pursued during five years. In 1860 four sons were living at home. The second daughter had married.

Orr's wife, Tirzah Randall Tousley, died at LeSueur on January 1, 1866, and was buried there at Mound cemetery.

On April 14, 1867, Orr Tousley married a widow, Mrs. Eliza Earl Williams at Jefferson Co., New York, where she was born on September 10, 1807. By her previous marriage she had had several children, of whom two, Mrs. D. Bannatyne and Mrs. David Imhoff, were living at LeSueur at the time of her death, and a son was living in Iowa. There may have been another son, Earl F. Williams, who died in 1874 at the age of 32 and is buried in the Tousley family lot at Mound Cemetery. Eliza Tousley died at LeSueur on August 22, 1881.

Orr Tousley was a member of the Christian Church at LeSueur from 1857. He was an active

citizen, holding many positions including that of Mayor at LeSueur. He died at LeSueur on February 10, 1892, at the age of 88. Six children survived him, and 31 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren. He is buried at Mound Cemetery, where his grave and those of his two wives are well marked.

The eight children of Orr and Tirzah Tousley were:

1. Clarissa, born December 20, 1826, Ellisburg, N. Y.
2. Mary Lurancy, born September 2, 1828, Lorraine, N. Y.
3. George Mortimer, born October 19, 1830, Lorraine, N. Y.
4. DeWitt, born April 10, 1834, Stow, Ohio
5. Roswell, born May 23, 1836, Stow, Ohio
6. Delos, born August 22, 1840, Granger, Ohio
7. Florence (boy), born December 3, 1843, Granger, Ohio
8. Francis, born June 19, 1847, Granger, Ohio

As to them:

1. Clarissa Tousley, the eldest of the children, was born on December 20, 1826, at Ellisburg Twp., Jefferson Co., New York. She was married at Lorraine Twp., Jefferson Co. on September 28, 1843, to William Holmes Woods. They lived in Ohio for some years and in 1856 moved to Minnesota where they pioneered near Owatonna and later lived in other places in Minnesota. They had 15 children. Clarissa Tousley Woods died at Blooming Prairie, Minn., on October 15, 1893, and was buried at Owatonna. (For more about her and her family, see the section re William Holmes

Woods in this book, and her diary earlier herein.)

2. Mary Lurancy Tousley, the second child, was born at Lorraine Twp., Jefferson Co., New York, on September 2, 1828.

On January 16, 1853 she was married in Ohio to John Seldon Parker, who was born in Connecticut on September 14, 1822. They lived at Weymouth, Ohio for some years, and at least four children were born to them there. In 1862 they moved to Minnesota and lived at LeSueur, where two more children were born. John S. Parker died October 22, 1885, and his wife died March 10, 1909. Both are buried at Mound Cemetery at LeSueur.

Issue:

(a) David Monroe Parker, born December 22, 1853, at Weymouth, Ohio. Died May 16, 1868, at LeSueur.

(b) Ora John Parker, born March 8, 1856, at Weymouth, Ohio. Attorney-at-law. Married twice:

(i) On October 15, 1886, to Lulu Fish, born August 16, 1864. Died March 23, 1887, at LeSueur.

(ii) On September 5, 1890, to Louisa Taylor, born August 2, 1869. Died January 6, 1894, at LeSueur. Issue: Marion B. Parker, born June 6, 1891. Died September 10, 1909 at LeSueur.

(c) Ira DeWitt Parker, born May 9, 1858, at Weymouth, Ohio. Died April 6, 1931, at Minneapolis, buried at LeSueur.

(d) Mary Lurancy Parker, born April 20,

1860, at Weymouth, Ohio. Married Clement R. Beaulieu - One adopted daughter. Died February 7, 1898, buried at LeSueur.

(e) Clara Clarinda Parker, born August 16, 1862, at LeSueur. Did not marry.

(f) Lillian Parker, born July 19, 1866, at LeSueur. Married Samuel I. Davis.

The graves of David M. Parker and of the two wives of Ora J. Parker are well marked at Mound Cemetery, LeSueur.

3. George Mortimer Tousley was born at Lorraine Twp., Jefferson Co., New York, on October 19, 1830.

He was living with his parents at LeSueur in 1860, at which time he was employed as a mail agent. On January 2, 1861, he was married at LeSueur to Hannah Plowman, who was born on December 26, 1844, at Port Burwell, Ontario, Canada, of parents who were born in Ireland. They lived at LeSueur where they were farmers for many years, and both died there; George M. Tousley in 1918, and Hannah Tousley on April 25, 1923. Their children, all born at LeSueur, were:

(a) Charles Douglas Tousley, born May 2, 1863, died March 21, 1951, at LeSueur. Married October 20, 1903, to Julia Eva Hauton, born May 7, 1885, at Deadwood, South Dakota, died April 3, 1949 at Minneapolis, buried at LeSueur.
Issue:

(i) Fleeta Cara, born August 14, 1904, at Mitchell, South Dakota, living at

LeSueur.

(ii) Mary Julia, born August 4, 1906, at Mitchell, South Dakota, died July 18, 1917, at LeSueur.

(b) Fleeta May Tousley, born August 18, 1865, did not marry. Listed in 1905 census as a merchant at LeSueur.

(c) Sidney Mac Tousley, born August 5, 1869, married November 13, 1897, at Blakely, Minn., to Minnie H. Bellevue, born September 28, 1875, in Minnesota. Issue:

(i) Hannah Plowman, born July 7, 1898.

(ii) Beatrice Sherman, born August 7, 1899. Married Joseph Brown. Living at San Diego.

(iii) George Walter, born July 14, 1901, died October 10, 1909, at LeSueur.

(iv) Amelia May, born March 31, 1903.

(v) Sidney Delos, born January 23, 1905, at LeSueur.

(vi) Lurancy Minnie, born April 14, 1907, at LeSueur.

(vii) James William, born September 11, 1910, at LeSueur.

(viii) Charles Douglas, born March 17, 1914, at LeSueur.

(d) Infant, born December 29, 1871, died December 31, 1871, at LeSueur.

(e) Mortimer Orr Tousley, born September 10, 1873. Married November 26, 1906, to Minnie Nixon, born May 26, 1888. Issue:

(i) George Mortimer, born September 21, 1907.

(ii) Nixon Douglas, born April 29, 1909.
(iii) Robert Manson.

4. DeWitt Tousley, was born at Stow in Ohio on April 10, 1834.

He went with his parents to LeSueur, and in 1860 was living with them, his occupation being described as teacher. On October 23, 1865, he was married at South Ryegate, Vt., to Sophronia (Sophie) Nancy Irene Melure, who was born in Vermont on June 10, 1842. Her father was born in Ireland and her mother in Vermont. The DeWitt Tousleys lived at LeSueur. In 1880 he was listed as a book seller. In 1885 they were living in the same household as Orr Tousley, whose second wife had died. In 1895 they were living in LeSueur, his occupation being described as printer. They later lived at Seattle, Wash., where she died on August 10, 1921, and he died on May 6, 1923.

There is a record of two children, who were born at LeSueur, and were living at St. Paul in 1895.

(a) Clark Sherman, born September 25, 1866, at LeSueur. Married September 6, 1892, at Durand, Wisconsin, to Eunice Alberta Lockhart, born September 25, 1870, at Greensville, Pa.
Children, all born at St. Paul:
(i) Horace Winfield, born January 28, 1894, married January 25, 1926, at Joliet, Ill. to Ruth C. Sherrard, born March 1, 1892, at Mansfield, Ill.
One child, Horace Winfield, Jr., born February 7, 1928, at Alton, Ill.

(ii) Sara Elizabeth, born November 3, 1895, married June 7, 1921, at St. Paul to Charles Edward Boughton, Jr., born September 9, 1896, at Red Lake Falls, Minn. Two children born at Crookston, Minn., Charles Edward III, born July 15, 1925, and Elizabeth Anne, born April 20, 1927.

(iii) Albert Sherman, born September 3, 1899.

(iv) Boy, died at birth, April 20, 1913.

(b) Orr John DeWitt, born March 25, 1875, at LeSuer. Married August 29, 1906, to Marion A. Johnson, born November 22, 1888, at Perley, Pierce Co., Wisconsin.

Children:

(i) Orr John, born June 13, 1907, at Seattle.

(ii) Boy, twin of Orr John, died at birth.

5. Roswell Tousley was born at Stow in Ohio on May 23, 1836.

In 1860 he was listed in the household of his parents at LeSueur, and employed as a farmer. On May 26, 1861, he was married at LeSueur to Emily Partridge, who was born at London, England on May 24, 1840, of parents born in England. The Roswell Tousleys lived at LeSueur where in 1880 he was a deputy sheriff and in 1881 was a licensed auctioneer, "orations delivered too slick for anything" according to an advertisement. In 1895 at LeSueur his occupation was described as insurance. He died at LeSueur on May 11, 1904,

and his wife died there in June, 1910.
Issue:

(i) Percy Eugene, born July 14, 1872, at LeSueur, married to Catherine Bell Logan, born January 1, 1878, and died at LeSueur July 11, 1898.
No children.

6. Delos Tousley, born August 22, 1840 at Granger, Medina Co., Ohio, died December 15, 1841.

7. Florence Tousley, (boy) born November 23, 1843, at Granger, Medina Co., Ohio, died December 21, 1843.

8. Francis (Frank) Tousley, was born at Granger, Medina Co., Ohio, on June 19, 1847.

He grew up in LeSueur. On March 30, 1875, he was married at LeSueur to Sila D. Williams, who was born in Canada on March 21, 1846. Her father was born in Canada and her mother in New York. The Frank Tousleys lived at Waterville, LeSueur Co., Minn., where in 1880 he was a route agent (mail) and in 1895 was an insurance agent. Francis Tousley died at Bismarck, North Dakota, on August 28, 1930, and Sila Tousley died at Clearwater, Minn., on October 26, 1913. Both were buried at LeSueur.
Issue:

(a) John Wallace, born October 2, 1876, at LeSueur, married twice.

1. To Antonia Fieler on July 11, 1898.
No children.

2. To Mary Ketter.
4 children, born at Pine City, Minn.

(i) Frank Mortimer

(ii) John Wallace, Jr.
(iii) Marcella Harriet
(iv) Sila G.

(b) Frank Clifford, born December 21, 1881, at Waterville, Minn., married on January 5, 1905 to
Harriet M. Nugent
No children.

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Time has not permitted the following of this interesting family through later generations. The family has been prominent in LeSueur for over a hundred years, and members of the family are living there now.

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On the following page is an outline description of the family of William Tousley (1731/2 - 1792), referred to earlier in this Tousley section.

The Family of
William Towsley
(Tousley)

William Towsley
born Feb. 5, 1721/2 at Suffield, Conn.
died 1792 at Rupert, Bennington Co., Vermont
married Feb. 25, 1754 at Suffield, Conn. to
Sybble Spencer, daughter of Thomas Spencer and
Mary Trumble, who were married Dec. 15, 1720.

Children of William Towsley and Sybble Spencer

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1. Mary, born Dec. 30, 1754
2. David, born May 23, 1757 - married
3. Hezekia, born May 1, 1759 - married
4. William, born Aug. 4, 1761 - married
5. Thomas, born Nov. 9, 1763

These five were born at Suffield, Conn.

The following were born in Vermont, probably at Rupert.

6. Hiram (or Herman), born about 1764
7. Matthew, born about 1765 - married
8. Eliphalet, born about 1770 - married
9. *Reuben, born about 1773 - married
10. Son (?)
11. Ethan, born about 1780 - married

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12. Isabel, born before 1790. Referred to as a half sister of the other children. Sybble may have died, and William remarried.

*Reuben is believed to have been Orr Tousley's father, for reasons stated.

The Working Family
related to
The Woods Family
by the marriage in about 1872
of
Marshall Dwight Woods and Margaret Working
(1850 - 1894) (1854 - 1918)

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The Working family, of German origin, settled early in Pennsylvania; and in successive generations pioneered to the West. It became a large family in this country.

The spelling of the family name has had many variations, including Werkinger, Werking, Wercking, Workinger, Working, etc., changing within families and by generations. Working became the spelling in our branch. Some others now use Workinger and Werking.

Our branch of the family stems in this country from Johann Nicolaus Werkinger, who with other family members came from Germany, sailing from Rotterdam, Holland, on the ship Royal Union which arrived at Philadelphia on August 15, 1750. He settled in Manheim Twp. in York County, Pennsylvania. In about 1752 he was married, probably in York County, to Anna Phillipina _____, maiden surname unknown.

Johann Nicolaus Werkinger, or Nicholas Werking, as he was sometimes later known, was probably born between 1725 and 1730, somewhere in the Rhine Palatinate. He was a yeoman or farmer in York County. In 1753 he obtained a patent to fifty acres in Manheim Twp., in which his name was spelled "Wergen". Another tract of 157 acres was patented in 1771. His farm was located about two miles north of the Maryland line and four miles

south of Hanover, Pa. Tax rolls show that in land and livestock he was one of the more substantial farmers in his community. When he died in 1782 he was survived by his wife and by nine children.

His wife, Anna Phillipina, died in 1799 in York County.

Of the nine children, 4 boys and 5 girls, our interest in the line of descent is with the second son, John Henry.

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John Henry Werkinger, better known as Henry Working or Workinger, was born in York Co., Pa., on August 20, 1761. In about 1785 or 1786 he was married, probably in York County, to Margaret Rebecca Ganz, who was born on May 9, 1765. They lived in York County, and were among the earliest pioneers of Penn's Valley, Centre Co., Pa., to which place they moved by ox team as early as the year 1793. At that time Haines Twp., where Henry Werkinger is listed among the few inhabitants in 1793, was still in Northumberland County. In 1794 he moved to Potter Twp., then in Mifflin Co., but later becoming part of Centre Co. when that county was formed in 1800.

By deed dated April 4, 1794, he, as Henry Werking, acquired for the sum of 315 pounds, in lawful money of Pennsylvania, a tract of 140 acres of land lying in Sinking Branch of Penn's Creek, in Potter Twp., at a location approximately half-way between present-day Potters Mills and Tusseyville. This was the place where Henry and his wife were to spend the remainder of their lives and where several of their children were born.

The community was predominantly German, in schools, churches and way of life. While Henry's main occupation was farming, he also did carpentry, and many of his sons and grandsons were carpenters, millwrights, wagonmakers, cabinet makers, etc., and two of his sons were shoemakers and two were weavers, in addition to being farmers.

Henry Werking died on April 16, 1835, and his wife died on September 12, 1844. Both were buried in the churchyard of Emanuel's Church at Tusseyville, where their graves are marked, his tombstone bearing an inscription in English and referring to him as John Henry Working, and hers in German with her husband referred to as Heinrich Werking.

There is a record of eleven children born to this couple, nine boys and two girls. Our interest in line of descent is with the fourth son, Jacob.

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Jacob Working was born in Centre Co., Pa., in 1794. His wife, Christina Wieland, who was of the same age, was born in Earl Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., and came to Centre Co. with her parents, John and Christina Oberlin Wieland, in 1814. Jacob and Christina Working were married in the later part of 1815, or early in 1816.

They lived in Potter Twp. until about 1829, during which time he was a weaver and also farmed 40 acres which he owned; and in about 1829 they moved to Walker Twp. and later to Spring Twp., both in Centre Co. When he died in December 1847, he was living in Spring Twp. on an exceptionally well stocked farm of 265 acres. His wife died some

time after 1850, but probably before 1853. Their graves have not been found, but according to family tradition they were buried together, somewhere near Centre Hall.

Jacob and Christina Working were the parents of eleven children, six sons and five daughters, all of whom reached maturity and nine of whom reared families. All of their sons pioneered to the West. Our special interest is in the eldest son, John Henry.

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John Henry Working was born on December 5, 1819, in Potter Twp., Center Co., Pa. He was the grandson of Henry and Margaret Rebecca Working, and the great-grandson of Nicholas and Philipina Werkinger. On June 17, 1846, he was married at Rebersburg, Pa., to Julian Beck, born March 31, 1828, in Miles Twp., Centre Co., the daughter of Daniel and Julian Beck.

For a while after their marriage they lived in Miles Twp., and then moved to a farm near his parents' home in Spring Twp. In 1853 they migrated to Seneca Co., Ohio, where they lived for ten years or so, in or near the town of Tiffin. In 1864 they moved to Minnesota, near Henderson where two of his brothers had previously settled. (For an account of some of the incidents of the journey to Minnesota, see the section re Marshall Dwight Woods herein.) They acquired a tract of land in Blakely Twp., Scott Co., across the Minnesota River from Henderson and not far from LeSueur, where he farmed during the remainder of his days, and where his wife lived for several years after his death.

John Henry Working and Julian Beck Working were the parents of nine children: three born in Pennsylvania, five born in Ohio, and one born in Minnesota. He died on August 30, 1893, in Scott County and was buried at LeSueur. In 1900 his wife moved with a son to Weyerhaeuser, Wisconsin, where she died on November 4, 1902, and where she was buried. The family lot at Mound Cemetery, LeSueur, is marked for the grave of John Henry Working and with a marker in memory of Julian Beck Working.

Their children:

1. Louisa (Luella), born August 23, 1847, at Miles Twp., Centre Co., Pa., died July 23, 1911, at Galesburg, Ill.
   Married twice:
   (i) married Samuel Cherry in Knox Co., Ill. in 1865. Five children, including Elizabeth, born 1876, who was the mother of Ralph Zetty, born Sept. 3, 1904, at Granite Falls, Wash. (See further reference to him below.)
   (ii) married Charles Porter Jerauld, near Galesburg, Ill. in 1884. 5 children.
2. Amanda Ellen, born December 1, 1848, at Spring Twp., Center Co., Pa., died January 1, 1943, at Sioux City, Iowa.
   Married Hugh J. McMannas at Moquito, Minn., on April 2, 1872. 9 children.
3. Jemima, born March 6, 1852, at Spring Twp., Center Co., Pa., died December 15, 1934, at St. Paul, Minn., and was buried there.
   Married Isaac O. Crist, probably at LeSueur, before 1880. 2 children.
4. Margaret (Maggie), born May 2, 1854, at

Senaca Co., Ohio, died February 21, 1918, at St. Paul, Minn., and was buried at LeSueur. Married Marshall Dwight Woods at LeSueur, in about 1872. 7 children. (For more, see Woods section earlier in this book.)

5. Icedora, born November 9, 1855, and died August 22, 1856, in Seneca Co., Ohio.
6. Franklin, born December 16, 1856, in Seneca Co., Ohio, died January 22, 1872, at LeSueur.
7. Caroline E., born August 5, 1862, in Seneca Co., Ohio, died October 22, 1880, at LeSueur.
8. Jenny, born October 10, 1863, in Seneca Co., Ohio, died August 30, 1864, shortly before or after the arrival of the family in Minnesota.
9. David Austin, born May 16, 1871, in Scott Co., Minn., died June 12, 1942, at Weyerhaeuser, Wisconsin.

   Married Bertha McConnell at LeSueur on January 8, 1896. 6 children.

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Our special interest as to further Working line of descent pertains to Margaret Working, whose marriage to Marshall Dwight Woods furnished the link of relationship between the Working family and the Woods family. (See earlier in this book.)

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NOTE

A fuller account of the large and interesting Working family is given in the splendid family history entitled The Working Family, prepared and

published by Marjorie Bond Zetty, whose husband, Ralph Zetty, is a member of the family as noted above. Mrs. Zetty's book, with a wealth of detail and incident, traces many branches of the family and deals with many hundreds of descendants.

Except for a small amount of recent information, the Working family information included in this present account was obtained entirely from Mrs. Zetty's book, and is used with her permission, though with no responsibility on her part for the accuracy or manner of presentation.

Working Family
Line of Descent to Margaret Working

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1. Johann Nicolaus Werkinger
born 1725 - 1730 in the Rhine Palatinate, Germany
married Anna Phillipina in York Co., Pa., in 1752. 9 children.
2. John Henry Werkinger
born August 20, 1761, in York County, Pa.
married Margaret Rebecca Ganz in York Co., Pa., in 1785/6. 11 children.
3. Jacob Working
born 1794, in Centre Co., Pa.
married Christine Wieland in Centre Co., Pa., in 1815/6. 11 children.
4. John Henry Working
born December 5, 1819, in Potter Twp., Centre Co., Pa.
married Julian Beck at Rebersburg, Pa., on June 17, 1846. 9 children.
5. Margaret Working
born May 2, 1854, in Seneca Co., Ohio
married Marshall Dwight Woods at LeSueur, Minn., about 1872. 7 children.

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A special acknowledgment must go to Mrs. Ralph (Marjorie Bond) Zetty, who first encouraged me in the idea of preparing this account. From her experience (The Working Family, and her several other family histories) she was able to give me invaluable advice and instructions as to procedure and sources; and by actual work, helped me to get started.

Her book, The Working Family, had given an excellent account of the Working family. There did not seem to exist an assembled account of the Woods family, which was the family of Marshall Dwight Woods, who married Margaret Working. Because of my special interest in those two people, it seemed desirable to me that there should also be an account, of such scope as might prove possible, relating to the Woods family.

While the present product in no wise matches the great amount of Working information in Mrs. Zetty's book, so much has been done as time and circumstances would permit. Material for the account was obtained from many sources: from family sources in part, and from records of many kinds found in many places.

Much information, especially that relating to recent and present day generations, was received from family members, including members of related families. It is difficult to single out names for mention; so many contributed important things. However, some few at least should be named: Mrs. Marion Woods Grube, of Oakland; the Woods sisters and brother, and Mrs. Granville W. Wolbert, of Owatonna; Mrs. Anna R. Holmes, of Waupaca, Wis., for much of the Holmes family information; and Miss Fleeta Tousley, of LeSueur,

for recent Tousley family information in particular.

Where information received from family sources could be expanded, this was done. Through census records, deed records, county histories, newspaper accounts and other sources, a good deal of additional information was obtained and included.

Records such as those referred to in the preceding paragraph were important in obtaining information as to earlier generations in the earlier family locations; in Ohio and New York especially, and in Vermont. Existing genealogies were sometimes helpful as to very early New England background of some related families. In some cases copies of wills were obtained, copies of deeds were obtained frequently, and there has been a great amount of correspondence.

I was able to do the work of examining all of the records which were consulted in Minnesota, including Minnesota census rolls, both Federal and State, starting with the Federal rolls for 1860. Many of the rolls examined were the original handwritten rolls.

The work of acquiring information in other states, beyond what came from family sources, was done in various ways, including the obtaining of documents or information through public officials, and by employing genealogists to examine records of many kinds in many places. The census rolls examined, for states other than Minnesota, were read mainly in Seattle, from film, and in some cases specific films were purchased and furnished for reading. Early census information was also obtained from other sources.

It is believed that the information in this account may be accepted as being substantially

accurate. While source footnotes have not been included, source references in many instances have been included in the text.

To those members of the family who assisted me with information during the preparation of the account, I express my sincere thanks and appreciation.

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